



## MASS TIMES W/C- 3 OCT 2021

**Sunday:** 9am & 11am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 9.30am  
**Friday:** 9.30am  
**Saturday:** 6pm

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## PARISH WEBSITE

Visit our website  
[parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)  
 for all weekly updates and

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Until further notice, children's liturgy will be online weekly, via our website.

## REPOSITORY

Now open on Sunday mornings after both Masses.

# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021  
 + 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>First reading:</b>	<b>Genesis 2: 18-24</b>
<b>Psalm:</b>	<b><i>May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.</i></b>
<b>Second reading:</b>	<b>Hebrews 2: 9-11</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Mark 10: 2-16</b>

When the Pharisees test Jesus, they question him on points of the law. Rabbinical discussion frequently included arguments about how the law was to be interpreted. Those promoting a particular viewpoint would use Scripture to persuade others. In the question of divorce, Jesus tests the Pharisees' knowledge of Mosaic law and then counters their answer with his own interpretation and biblical text. Quoting Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 2:24, Jesus points to the intimate relationship of men and women from the beginning of creation. Both are created in God's image, destined to live in relationship with one another. For Jesus, marriage is a blessed relationship and the proper arena in which to fulfill the original biblical commands to be fruitful and multiply.

Jewish law provided for a certificate of divorce (see Deuteronomy 24:1), but Jesus sees this is a compromise for human weakness. He does not specifically condemn divorce but lays out the ideal on which all marriages are based. The implication is that divorce is an aberration and a sign of the brokenness of the world. In later discussion with the disciples, Jesus defines remarriage as an occasion of adultery against a spouse.

Jesus protests the easy ending of a marriage in his society. His teaching protects women, who could be dismissed from a marriage with a piece of paper, and promotes the idea that adultery is a sin against a woman as much as against a man. Jesus also makes a woman's responsibility equal to a man's in marriage, forbidding wives to divorce their husbands or commit adultery by marrying another. The Mosaic law had not considered either possibility. Most important, Jesus focuses on the sanctity of marriage rather than on the lawfulness of divorce for any reason. He raises the understanding of marriage from a civil institution to a state of life blessed by God.

## COME AND SEE

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church and its Teachings? Perhaps you might be thinking of becoming a Catholic and want to know how? St Alban's Church, North Finchley, has a group for adults which meets every **Wednesday evening** at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. Why not come along to find out more? In the meantime, just phone or email the parish to let us know you're interested and if you wish, we can put you in touch with someone who can tell you what to expect and answer your questions. You will be made very welcome.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22

Our First Holy Communion preparation course for children in Year 3 and above who attend Catholic Schools will begin on Saturday 27th November 2021. You will find the application form on our parish website and in the church porch. Please return it by Sunday 7th November 2021 by email or by posting the completed form through the Presbytery door.

## VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

CAFOD is looking for volunteers with public speaking skills to promote our work in Parishes and Schools. Please email [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) for further details.

## Parish QR code

For online donations



## SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms:

To arrange a baptism please contact Fr Dermot.

### Funerals:

It is the normal procedure to first contact your chosen Funeral Director. They will liaise with Fr Dermot.

**Weddings:** Preparation for marriage: Six months' notice is required. Please contact Fr Dermot.

## REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

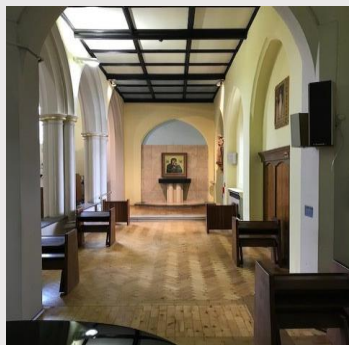
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

## ST BANABAS FOODBANK

Accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30 & 12.30. They are open for those in need on Monday's 12.30-2pm.  
913 High Road, North Finchley.

## NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive a copy of our weekly newsletter by email, please sign up by using the website e-Alert or, email the parish office to request.



## THURSDAY CLUB

Next meeting will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1-3pm. Entry £1. However, The Arts Depot have invited members to a lunch and concert on the same day. Cost £7. Meet at Art Depot at 11.30pm. If you wish to attend please contact Sarah on 020 8446 3465.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION TODAY- CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL

Family Fast Day was on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. The collection will be taken today. Envelopes available from all exits. Please do not put your contribution in our red collection bags. Blue bags will be available.

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the

[CAFOD website](https://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) ([cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](https://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis))

## KEEP THE DATE

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October** after 11am Mass: a '**bring and share get together** in the hall to celebrate Jackie Sheils' great contribution to St Alban's Parish over so many years. Further details to follow.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November – QUIZ NIGHT.**

## HAND MADE SALE – THANK YOU

A big thank you to all our generous parishioners who donated cakes, produce and preserves and to those who bought the home-made goods. Proceeds from the sale, together with some donations, has amounted to £750 which will all be going to support the Afghan Refugees. What a fantastic result.

## DONATE TO THE PARISH

Please use the following to pay money into the Parish for various reasons.

First Holy Communion / Mass Stipends etc.

Account Name: WRCDT Finchley North

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 51094491

Please add your Name as a reference and the reason for the payment.

## ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCY

Further details of vacancies see porch:

A Job Description is available on request from [mcox@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:mcox@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk).

### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>9am</b>	Maria & Franco Saccardi	RIP
		<b>11am</b>	Paddy Scheppe	RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Richard Diamond	RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Mr & Mrs Joe Louis Fernandes	RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Gino Mansi	RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Stella McDade	RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Deceased members of Macajewski, Sobol, Lisaj & Boyman Families	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Janice Morva Marfell	RIP

**Please remember in your prayers the sick:**

John Came

**all the recently departed and their loved ones**

Pat Payne, Sylvester de Souza, Angelo Alfano, Mary Thompson

**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:**

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