



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 10th October 2021
+ **28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS TIMES W/C- 10 OCT 2021

Sunday: 9am & 11am
Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 10.30am-Funeral
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
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.

First reading:	Wisdom 7: 7-11
Psalm:	<i>Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.</i>
Second reading:	Hebrews 4: 12-13
Gospel:	Mark 10: 17-30

Legend connects the book of Wisdom with Solomon, who succeeded his father, King David, on the throne of Israel. In the story of Solomon (see 1 King 3:4-9), the young king prays to God, not for riches or power, but for an understanding heart to govern the people. God grants his request and also rewards him with riches and glory beyond compare. In the passage from Wisdom, we hear the narrator (usually thought to be Solomon) tell how he prayed for wisdom, desiring her more than any earthly treasure. The author writes in a style of much of the wisdom literature (Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes, for instance). Unlike the prophets who got their message from visions or the voice of God, the lessons in wisdom literature are drawn from life experience.

Wisdom (in Hebrew, *hokmah*, and in Greek, *Sophia*) was paired with understanding and discernment. Wisdom is feminine; she is depicted as the reflection of God and image of God's goodness (see Wisdom 7:26). She is also God's master crafter and the first of God's acts (see Proverbs 8:22). In Wisdom 10, she is cast as God in the retelling of stories from Genesis and Exodus. Some scholars have called her the feminine face of God. Whatever her identity, ancient writers saw great beauty and treasure in Wisdom. They considered her a pathway to God. Thus wisdom literature is full of prayers for wisdom.

The Wisdom reading provides a nice counterpart to the Gospel, where Jesus discusses the price of discipleship. 'Riches' in the Gospel means everything related to worldly wealth, possessions and relationships. None of these can stand in the way of the service of God. When the disciples look at the implications of the word 'rich' and realise there are many way of being rich, they cry out in frustration: 'Then who can be saved?' For Jesus, the answer is not in doubt. Rich or poor, God must be the center of life, but the rich must work especially hard to overcome attachments to their worldly goods. He might have recited Wisdom's prayer for them.

MASS TIMES

Thank you to those of you who participated in our poll regarding the Sunday mass times. 74 households responded. Of those the majority were for keeping the 9.00 and 11.00 masses. A significant minority wished for a later mass than 9.00 for the 'family mass' when the children's liturgy of the word resumes, but earlier than 11.00! There were suggestions of 10.00 and 12.00 or 8.00 and 10.00, for that purpose. In the interest of keeping the mass as accessible to as many as possible I have gone with 9.30 and 11.30, as suggested by several families with small children. The family mass (with liturgy of the word when it is deemed safe to resume) will be at 9.30. **These times will begin from next Sunday, October 17th, and will be reviewed next Summer.**

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.

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

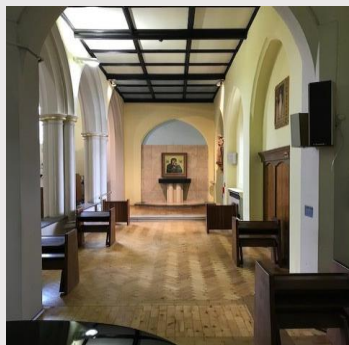
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

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.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2021-22

Application forms now available from porch or on our website.

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.

PARENT & TODDLER WEEKLY SESSIONS

Parent & Toddler sessions return on Monday 11th October at 10.30am until 12noon.

THURSDAY CLUB

Next meeting will be on Thursday 14th 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

Thank you so much for your donations to CAFOD this 'Family Fast Day'. Your generous gifts will help the people in the Amazon to protect our common home. [CAFOD website](https://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

KEEP THE DATE

Sunday 31st 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 20th November – QUIZ NIGHT.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	10th October	9am	Marino & Maria Maccini	RIP
		11am	Joe Regan	RIP
Monday	11th October	9.30am	Mr Mrs Francis Xavier Fernandes	RIP
Tuesday	12th October	10.30am	Requiem – Pat Payne	
Wednesday	13th October	9.30am	Joe Regan	RIP
Thursday	14th October	9.30am	Leo & Victoria	RIP
Friday	15th October	9.30am	Ian Dunn	Ints
Saturday	16th October	6pm	Jean O'Mahoney	RIP

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

John Came

all the recently departed and their loved ones

Pat Payne, Leslie (Sylvester) de Souza, Mary Thompson, Hilda Vaz
and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Frank Nolan

