



### MASS TIMES w/c- 28<sup>TH</sup> November 2021

**Sunday:** 9.30am & 11.30am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 9.30am  
**Friday:** 9.30am  
**Saturday:** 6pm

*Church will remain open during the day for private prayer.*

### Contact Information

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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

Open after both Sunday Masses. New products in the Repository information can be found on our website.

# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 28<sup>TH</sup> November 2021  
 + 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16  
**Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
**Second reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28; 34-36

### THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Long before the First Sunday of Advent arrives each year, the sounds of Christmas seep into our daily living. Whether in the car, at the grocery store, in our schools, or even in our homes, classic holiday tunes echo through the air well in advance of the birthday of Jesus. Advent needs our waiting, our patience. It needs us to take our time, to sing another verse, to wait with bated breath for the lighting of another candle, for a pregnant pause before we begin, for the gathering up of the Light of Christ in the midst of the body of Christ on these darkest days of the year. We need these long midwinter nights and their ancient songs of "waiting" and "almost" and "coming" to ground us in an acute appreciation for what it means to celebrate. Yes, Advent needs our waiting-and we need the waiting. But rather than dismiss the world's seemingly overwhelming secularization of these holy days, we have an opportunity to rehearse the already-not-yet, hope-filled proclamation: that the Reign of God can be already among us and still on the way all at once.

### WESTMINSTER SYNODAL PATHWAY

"The Holy Father is offering us the opportunity to participate in a time of listening and reflecting. He hopes this will help us to discern how God's presence comes into our lives and what the Spirit of God is prompting us to do anew, so that we might be more alive and creative in our response to the call of Jesus, our Way, Truth and Life." (Pastoral Letter 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021 Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster) Come to our **Parish Synod** in the Church Hall, St Alban's Catholic Church **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.30 to 9.30 pm** You have an opportunity to speak and to listen, to welcome and to welcome back, to refresh and to build. **Your Church is Listening To You.** RSVP by email [finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk) Helpful but not essential! For further information visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/synod](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/synod) and [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

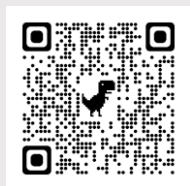
### SYNODAL LISTENING EVENT

As part of the Westminster Synodal Pathway we are invited to join Bishop John Sherrington at an Area Listening Event on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Golders Green Parish, 700 Finchley Road London NW11 7NE. Pope Francis has invited the worldwide Church to a time of listening – of listening deeply to each other as we walk side by side, telling our stories of faith. Here in our local Church, our Diocese, this is just what we are doing. This Area Listening Event is an opportunity to listen, to share, and to dream about the Church we are called to be. All are welcome, and places can be booked by emailing [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk).

### HONOURING SUNDAY

As the Synodal Pathway of listening and discerning unfolds, we the bishops of England and Wales, are paying particular attention to the hopes and fears, the joys and anxieties of all who are sharing their thoughts and feelings with us. Please find full details on our website: [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

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.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 5.15pm

### REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

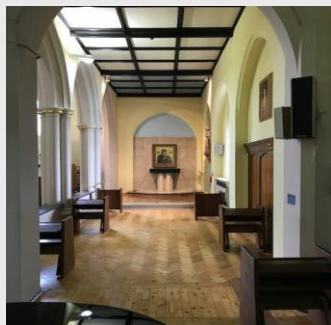
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

### 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.



## CONTACTLESS GIVING

There is a device situated in the church porch which enables those who wish to donate in this fashion.

## THURSDAY CLUB

Our Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, 9 December, 1 - 4pm. We will have a buffet lunch, music by Roy Blass and a prize raffle. Charge £6p.p. All welcome but **booking is essential**. Email [margaret.mcpeake@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.mcpeake@btinternet.com) or phone 02084457482.

## PARENT & TODDLER

The playgroup is now up and running from **9:45am – 11:15am** on Mondays

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL-APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited for Reception Class for September 2022-this is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. The deadline to return this to the school is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The forms are available to download on the school website. Please also be advised that you will need to complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet, the on-line system is already open. Applications are invited for the **Nursery** for the Academic Year starting September 2022. This is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The deadline to return this to the school office is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Please contact the school office or visit the website for an application pack.

## ST. MICHAELS CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCIES

The Governors are seeking to appoint positions as follows:  
Science Technician to provide specialist support to the Physics Department.  
School Business Manager  
Canteen Assistant  
Cover Supervisor Barnet Unified Grade C Max  
Posters with full details are at the back of the Church and on our website under the news section: [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am</b>	<b>November Dead List</b>	<b>RIP</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	John & Margaret Came	INT
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am</b>	Anieka Chaudry & Milasha	RIP
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am</b>	<b>November Dead List</b>	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9:30am</b>	Mr & Mrs NickGardiner	RIP
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.30am</b>	Ted Russell	RIP
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9.30am</b>	Mr & Mrs Denise Bloom	RIP
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</b>	Ricky Diamond	RIP

### all the recently departed and their loved ones

Denis Leenane Angela Philocratious

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

Paul Fitzgerald Frank Dolan

