



# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 19<sup>TH</sup> December 2021  
+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>First reading:</b>	<b>Micah 5:1-4</b>
<b>Psalm:</b>	<b>God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</b>
<b>Second reading:</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:5-10</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 1:39-45</b>

## MASS TIMES w/c- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Sunday:** 9.30am & 11.30am

**Monday:** 9.30am

**Tuesday:** 9.30am

**Wednesday:** 9.30am

**Thursday:** 9.30am

**Friday – Christmas Eve**  
5pm and 8pm

**Saturday – Christmas Day**  
9.30am & 11.30am

**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  
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.

## PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

With the daily news about Omicron variant, there is much discussion and concern about its further spread. At this time, there is still need for those with expertise to assess and better evaluate the evidence. With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in church.

- That people displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person. Sunday mass will be live streamed.
- Please use the hand sanitiser as you enter the church.
- There is a strong recommendation for people to wear face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- There will be good ventilation and air throughout the building. In this case, because of climate conditions, it is important to wrap up well in the church!
- We encourage people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able.

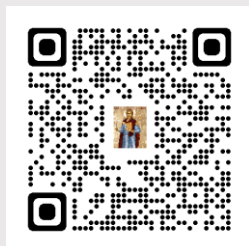
There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. If these guidance points are supported, then the church will continue to be a safe place for people to gather for acts of public worship, including the Christmas period.

## MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Eve** 5pm Family Mass (Children are welcome to dress as characters from the Nativity scene) and 8pm night Mass of the Nativity.

**Christmas Day** 9.30am and 11.30am.  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December Feast of the Holy Family** 9.30am and 11.30am.

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

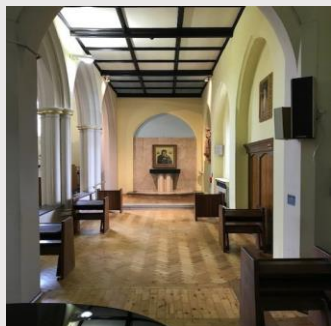
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

### 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.



## THANK YOU

The Thursday Club Christmas Party last week was a great success and we are looking forward to seeing many more people joining us in the future. We have lots of planned activities for you. We meet on the second Thursday of each month and will meet again on 13 January 2022, 1.00pm - 3.00 pm. All welcome. If you have a skill or talent that you could share with us we would love to see you.

## CONTACTLESS GIVING

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

## FINCHLEY FOOD BANK COLLECTION

FINCHLEY FOOD BANK COLLECTION is restarting. Essentials include: pasta, rice, tinned foods, tea, coffee, sugar, toiletries, toilet roll, sanitary towels etc. Christmas treats - cake, mince pies and chocolates. Thank you - the collection box is in the porch. 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you unto me' Mt 25:46

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

The priest's salary is mostly made up from the collections taken at Christmas and Easter. You can find envelopes at the exit doors of the church that you may wish to bring away as a reminder of this.

## PARENT & TODDLER

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

### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Joe Mendonco	RIP
		<b>11:30am</b>	Amato Giuseppe	RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Ciara Catney	RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Peggy Sheerin	INT
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Henryk & Adam Anusiewicz	RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Anne & Stanislaw Lisaj	RIP
<b>Christmas Eve-24<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>5pm &amp; 8pm</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	
<b>Christmas Day-25<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>9:30am</b>	Una Thornton	RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Maeve Murphy	RIP

### All the sick

John Came

### all the recently departed and their loved ones

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

Ciara Catney Maeve Murphy Una Thompson Gerard Ferris  
Bernard Madden

