



### MASS TIMES w/c- 9th January 2022

**Sunday:** 9.30am & 11.30am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 10am-funeral Michael Galbally  
**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 – 9th January 2022  
 + THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**First reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
**Psalm:** The Lord will bless his people with peace.  
**Second reading:** Acts 10:34-38  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah speaks God's Word of comfort to Judean captives in Babylon. Though their present existence seems to be nothing but desolate wasteland, the same God who led their ancestors through the desert in the exodus story will again bring them through the "wilderness" (Is 40:4) to new freedom. The prophet proclaims that God will come as a strong yet tender shepherd, gently carrying them home.

A few chapters after today's reading, Isaiah indicates how God's people will be renewed: through a servant of the Lord. Through the prophet, God describes the servant as "my chosen one with whom I am pleased," empowered by "my spirit" (Is 42:1) By divine power, the servant will bring God's healing to the weak and bruised.

Luke portrays a people "filled with expectation" (Lk 3:15), wondering if John the Baptist could be God's chosen one. The Baptist says he is not, and points to the one who will fulfill the prophecy. As Jesus prays after his baptism, the divine voice proclaims, "You are my beloved Son" (Lk 3:22)

## 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.

## THURSDAY CLUB

The meeting planned for Thursday 13 January is cancelled due to concern about the spread of the omicron virus. The club will meet again when it is safe to do so. We wish all our friends a happy and healthy 2022 and hope that it will not be too long before we can meet up again.

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

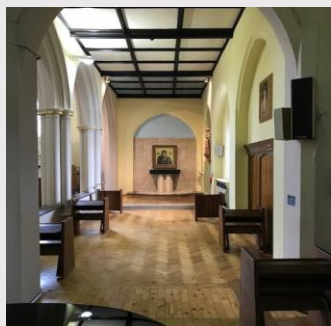
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

## 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.

## FINCHLEY FOOD BANK COLLECTION

We are collecting for **FINCHLEY FOOD BANK**. Please make sure donations are in date. Essentials include: pasta, rice, tinned foods, cereal, long-life milk & juice, tea, coffee, sugar, toiletries, toilet roll, sanitary towels etc. Thank you - the collection box is in the church 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.

## PARENT & TODDLER

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

### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Noreen & Clive Norman & family	INT
		<b>11:30am</b>	Leslie De Souza	RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Damian Malorie	RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Noelle McAuley	RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Peter Satori	RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Requiem mass Michael Galbally</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Kate & Mike Ferry	INT
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Frank Murtagh	RIP

### all the recently departed and their loved ones

Fr. Robert Ellis Michael Galbally Edward Galvin Michael Wilde  
Brendon O'Gorman

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

Kate & Mick Ferry Joan Ferris

