



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 6th February 2022
+ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

MASS TIMES w/c- 6th February 2022

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: NO MASS TODAY
Friday: 10am-FUNERAL VITTORIA
GHIRARDANI
Saturday: 6pm

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

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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.

We've all experienced great days when we feel we could accomplish anything. But imagine that God visits and calls you to serve on your worst day. How would you respond then? In the first reading, Isaiah, a prophet preaching in Jerusalem in 742 BC, is overwhelmed by a heavenly vision of God enthroned, worshiped by seraphim. In the presence of such majesty, he feels unworthy until a seraphim purifies his lips with a burning coal. Only then can he answer God's call.

Around seven centuries later, a band of fishermen experience fewer special effects, but the result will be similar. Along with a bad night at work, Peter (still called Simon) is struck by Jesus' gracious help just as Isaiah was overwhelmed by God's blinding glory. Suddenly aware of God's presence, Peter, like Isaiah, laments that he is not prepared for this meeting. After all, how many of us would like to meet our Savior after failing at our day jobs? But there is no ritual of purification in this story. Instead, Jesus encourages, "Do not be afraid" (LK 5:10), and says the men will now be fishing for people.

Perhaps the most comforting part of this Gospel is that Christ does not give these soon-to-be apostles a glorious makeover before they begin to work with him. He takes them as they are. On our worst days, perhaps we need to keep this in mind: we do not become disciples because we are great people; we become reflections of God's glorious image in Christ due to our attempt to become disciples who are in many ways unqualified for the job. That is where God's grace comes in. And that is very Good News.

ALTAR SERVERS

Any children who have received their First Communion can serve mass at the altar. During the pandemic I have managed without servers for the most part, but perhaps now is a good time to get back to the practice. Those who were serving previously are welcome back. Any new servers are welcome to apply by email or give me a note after mass with the contact details of a parent or guardian, phone number, email address, home address and date of birth of the server. Training will begin soon.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word presentations continues online, they can be accessed on the church website. The task sheets (based on the week's readings and theme) are printed and are in the porch next to the newsletter. Please encourage young children to take them and use them. Perhaps bring some colouring pencils with you so children can take part in the Mass on their own way.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

THURSDAY CLUB MEETING 10TH FEBRUARY 1.00 – 3 PM

A lively event to celebrate Mary Kerr's 100th birthday with a dance exhibition from Claudia and partner. We'll also be making Valentine's Day cards and paper roses while we have tea and cake. All welcome.

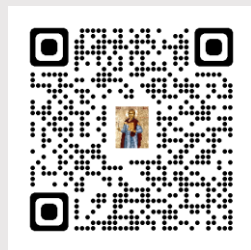
CONTACTLESS GIVING

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

PARENT AND TODDLER

The playgroup is now up and running from **9:45am – 11:15am** on Mondays. Full details can be found on our website.

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

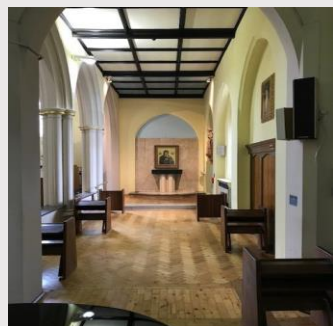
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

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.



PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

Although restrictions are slowly being lifted we are still following our parish protocols. With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure that we continue these in our church. This information can be found on our website.

ST MICHAELS GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCY

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Data Administrator to take responsibility for maintaining student attendance systems, maintaining and reviewing the school website, producing reports and analyses of school performance data. Full details of this role can be found at the back of the church and on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>
FINCHLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCY

Finchley Catholic is a very highly regarded, heavily oversubscribed school and enjoys consistently outstanding examination results. It is a very rewarding place to work with a supportive collegiate atmosphere. We are looking for an inspiring Office Manager and Premises Manager Full details of both of these roles can be found at the back of the church and on our website. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

FORM ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2022 OPEN UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY

St Michael's is a place of intellectual exploration and achievement and every year our students achieve outstanding A Level results which enable them to open doors to the most prestigious universities and courses. St Michael's has a large and vibrant Sixth Form which welcomes significant numbers of new students who have studied their GCSEs elsewhere. It is an academic school which offers A Level courses only in the Sixth Form. If you are interested in applying for a Sixth Form place at St Michael's please take a look at the virtual open evening on our website

<https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/new-sixth-form-page/virtual-sixth-form-open-evening/>

VOLUNTEERS FOR CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.

In local schools - where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. DBS Check & references part of application.

Coordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	6th February	9:30am	Romilde Apostolico	RIP
		11:30am	Barbara Rodrigues	INT
Monday	7th February	9.30am	Patrick Connelly	RIP
Tuesday	8th February	9.30am	Orazia Scala	RIP
Wednesday	9th February	9:30am	Alex Daly	RIP
Thursday	10th February	NO MASS TODAY		
Friday	11th February	10am	REQUIEM MASS VITTORIA GHIRARDANI	
Saturday	12th February	6pm	Linda Fitzpatrick	RIP

Please remember in your prayers

All the sick

John Came Terri McDermott

All the recently departed and their loved ones

Vittoria Ghirardani Johnnie Mills

Margaret Wales (Funeral will be held at 12pm 25th February)

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

Orazia Scala Bernard Grant Ajit Vadve Alex Daly

