

ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 20th February 2022
+ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



MASS TIMES w/c - 20th February 2022

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 12pm **FUNERAL**
MARGARET WALES
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.

Many consider mercy to be the same as a pity and that being merciful can make one feel superior to the offender. Today's Scripture readings, though, invite us to a more nuanced understanding of mercy that we must aspire to if our lives are to be holy.

In the first reading, we hear a story about King Saul, who, with his army, was seeking to kill David, because Saul was jealous of David's popularity among the people. In a strange turn of events, Saul and his commanders make camp very near where David and his troops are hiding. Thus, David and Abishai enter Saul's camp and even his tent in the middle of the night. Abishai suggests that they should kill Saul on the spot, but they choose not to do so, because, as David says, Saul is God's anointed. Only God can raise a hand against him.

Today's Gospel, which is part of Luke's sermon on the plain, is a teaching on loving one's enemies. From a practical point of view, we are told that we should treat others as we would want to be treated. More important, from a God-centered point of view, we are told to be merciful like our heavenly Father, who is kind to everyone, even the ungrateful and the wicked. The Greek word translated here as "kind" (Lk 6:35) is *chrestos*, meaning "useful" or "kindly." Ironically, it was a common name for slaves in the ancient world.

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

'Liturgy of the Word for Children age 0-7 at the Sunday 9.30 Family Mass - returning by popular demand!

Since the start of the Pandemic it has not been deemed safe to hold our Children's Liturgy sessions in the hall. But our teams of Catechists, who have so brilliantly kept it going on the parish website and faithfully prepared worksheets for the children to enjoy at Mass, are now ready to start again in person, beginning on the First Sunday of Lent which is 6th March. The same safety precautions will apply as in the church.

Could you help to support this venture? If so, please pick up a form from the porch and return it to the Presbytery when you have completed it.'

THANK YOU FROM KATHY DIAMOND

A very belated thank you to all who have supported me and my family when my beloved husband died last year. May he rest in peace! Thank you to all that phoned, those who called at the house, sent sympathy and mass cards and especially those who came to his funeral!

Thank you also to those who sent donations to the North London Hospice in memory of Ricky! A mass will be offered for your intentions

God bless you all Kathy Diamond & family

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

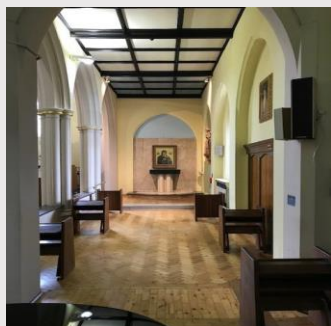
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

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.



THURSDAY CLUB

Next meeting will be on **Thursday 10th March 1pm – 3pm**

Mike Rich, CEO of Barnet carers will be attending. Barnet carers are an independent charity based in Finchley, offering advice, information, emotional and practical support for all informal carers who live or work in the London Borough of Barnet. It will be an opportunity to hear about them and how they may help if you need advice or their other services.

All are welcome

SIXTH 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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CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	20th	February	9:30am	Pat Murray	RIP
			11:30am	Margaret & John Came	INT
Monday	21st	February	9.30am	Michael Galbally	RIP
Tuesday	22nd	February	9.30am	Brendan O'Gorman	RIP
Wednesday	23rd	February	9.30am	Sarah Murphy	RIP
Thursday	24th	February	9.30am	Rita Ghisoni	RIP
Friday	25th	February	12pm	REQUIEM MASS MARGARET WALES	
Saturday	26th	February	6pm	Marie & Alan Lewin	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 Judi Yanak Michael Kelly

Arthur Langton Gertrude Langton

Margaret Wales

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

Helen Gardner

