

ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 27th February 2022
+ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS TIMES w/c- 27th February 2022

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday: 10am **FUNERAL ARTHUR & GERTRUDE LANGTON**
Tuesday: 9.30am
Wednesday 9.30am & 7pm
ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.30am
Saturday: 6pm
Church will remain open during the day for private prayer.

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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.

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

The season of Lent is a time that we can slow down our busy lives, to be better able to see God working in and through us. When we are confronted with times of trial and temptation, we must be able to cry out, "Be with me, Lord" (antiphon, Psalm 91). When we cry out to God, we know that God will answer us, so long as we have faith. When our lives are about nothing more than worldly goods, we've missed the mark – we've ignored the chance to grow in holiness, we've ignored the chance to grow in love for God. We should want to be able, one day, to kneel before the Lord our God, bowing in his holy presence. There are too many enticements – too much glitter and gold – that temporarily overshadows the glory of the cross. Strip it all away. Enter into the silence. Embrace it. Let Christ speak to you in the silence as he makes his way of the cross. It is in the place of the desert, in that profound silence, that our Christ was able to experience the love and mercy of the Father in a very profound way. It is in the temptations of the devil that our Christ was able to definitively see that Father has given him a mission. Our Christ realizes that his strength and power comes not from the world has to offer but through the Father's promise of love and mercy. It's that promise that is offered to us.

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.

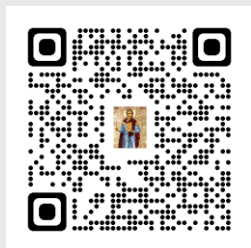
CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

'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.'

FINCHLEY FOOD BANK

The food bank continues to help over 100 families each week and all your donations are greatly appreciated. Essentials include: pasta, rice, tinned foods, cereal, milk & juice, tea, coffee, sugar, toiletries, toilet roll, sanitary towels etc. Donations need to be in date. The collection box is in the church porch. THANK YOU.

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

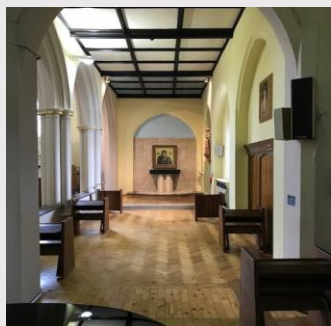
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

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

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	27th February	9:30am	Stephen Lewin		RIP
		11:30am	Maria Aurora Couto		RIP
Monday	28th February	REQUIEM MASS ARTHUR LANGTON & GERTRUDE LANGTON			
Tuesday	1st March	9.30am	Terri McDermot		INT
Ash Wednesday	2nd March	9.30am	John Flemming		RIP
		7pm	Agnes Gallagher		INT
Thursday	3rd March	9.30am	Johnnie Mills		RIP
Friday	4th March	9.30am	Patricia Goddard		RIP
Saturday	5th March	6pm	Martin Garrett		RIP
Please remember in your prayers					
All the sick					
John Came Terri McDermott					
All the recently departed and their loved ones					
Hilda Quintero Teresa Carroll					
and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:					
Alda & Charles Mamo Alex Daly Philaretos Kasmiris Patricia Goddard					

