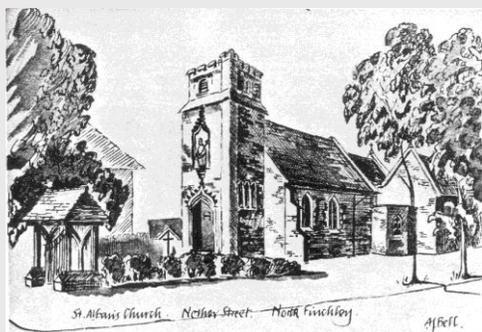


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Parish Newsletter – 13th March 2022
+ 2nd Sunday in Lent



MASS TIMES w/c- 13th March 2022

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.30am
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

Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30 on Sundays.

REPOSITORY

Open after both Sunday Masses. New products in the Repository information can be found on our website.

First reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help
Second reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Today on our journey through Lent we are reminded of the promise the Lord makes to us. God asked Abraham to look up to the heavens and witness the uncountable stars in the sky. Peter, John, and James looked up to the heavens and saw Jesus transfigured to shine like the sun. As we fast, pray, and give alms this Lent, let us pause to look up to the heavens and consider the incredible vastness of the transformation of us and our world that God set in motion.

COVID RESTRICTIONS EASED

In light of the lifting of restrictions across the country, and falling numbers of infections in the Barnet area, we are easing some restrictions here in our church from this weekend. However, the virus has not gone away. We must all still respect the need for caution and be respectful of those who wish to observe personal protection.

If you are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID, please stay at home. The main symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change of your smell or taste

We continue to use hand sanitiser entering the church.

We no longer require people to wear masks in church. However, people may continue to wear them should they choose.

You are strongly advised to have your vaccine and booster if you have not already done so. It is a vital part of lessening the impact of the virus should you contract it, and of protecting others.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE 26TH MARCH

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.

CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

How we can help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and those displaced in Poland by the war. Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland are working on the ground. The Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK and Ukrainian Cultural organizations have organized an appeal the details of which can be found on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

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 FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Thank you for responding so positively to the appeal and taking the time to deliver essential goods to St Mary Magdalen Church. These goods will be transported by a Ukrainian construction company in Enfield to Lviv a city in western Ukraine around 70 kilometers from the border of Poland. From there, the army and volunteers will load everything onto trucks and take the items to the front lines in Kiev, Kharkov & other cities & towns in need.

THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

A Mass for couples celebrating 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60 + wedding anniversaries are invited to Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14th May at 3pm. This occasion is one where joy, gratitude and also the deep emotions of a shared journey are celebrated. Full details can be found on our website under the news section

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

FRUGAL BRUNCH

Every Friday after Mass during Lent. Come and join us in the hall for a chat and a cup of tea / coffee and some nibbles. Any voluntary contributions will be donated to HABS - homeless action in Barnet.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL VACANCY

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week. Closing date 27th March 2022 for further details please visit:

<https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-look-for-an-organising-secretary/>.

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 back presenting the sessions in person, beginning on the First Sunday of Lent. The same safety precautions apply as in the church.

Could you help to support this venture? If so, please pick up a form from in 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 (in date items) collection box is in the church porch. THANK YOU.

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	13th March	9:30am	Michael Kelly	RIP
			Bruna & Freddi Antonioni	RIP
		11:30am	PJ Frawley	RIP
			Gerd-Uwe Jahns	RIP
Monday	14th March	9.30am	Anne & Stanislaw Lisaj	RIP
Tuesday	15th March	9.30am	John Beirne & deceased members of Beirne family	RIP
Wednesday	16th March	9.30am	Flex Victoria	RIP
Thursday	17th March	9.30am	Agnes Gallaher	INT
Friday	18th March	9.30am	Marion Swatton	RIP
Saturday	19th March	6pm	Joe Mendonca	RIP

Please remember in your prayers

All the sick

John Came Terri McDermott Agnes Gallaher

All the recently departed and their loved ones

Giuseppi Scala Trish Geraerts

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

PJ Frawley Brunna & Freddi Antonioni Gerd-Uwe Jahns John Beirne

