

ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 20th March 2022
+ 3rd Sunday in Lent



MASS TIMES w/c- 20th 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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Parish website

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: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Exodus indicates that despite any appearances to the contrary Israel's God continues to act in the people's lives. In last Sunday's Scriptures, God's promises to Abram (that his descendants would become a great nation and inherit the promised land) seemed threatened. The Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, after all. But a faithful God established a covenant to fulfill those promises.

God assures Moses that the divine plan will continue to unfold, asserting, "I have come down to rescue them" (Ex 3:8). In revealing the divine name, "I AM," God offers a relationship of intimacy to Moses and the Israelites (3:14). By identifying this self-revelation with "the God of your fathers" (3:15), the Lord once again takes the initiative, offering mercy and protection and promising Israel that God's promises will never fail them.

The second reading and Gospel point out that God expects the proper response from a covenant people. Paul, recalling the desert journey of his ancestors, remarks that some of them did not rely on God with confidence. Even after deliverance from slavery, they expected complete and immediate fulfillment, doubting and grumbling. As a result, they did not reach the promised land. "These things," the apostle warns, "happened as examples for us" (1 Cor 10:6).

Luke also focuses on the need for human cooperation with a saving God, in the form of repentance. In the bible, "To repent" calls for much more than words of regret or sorrow for sin. True repentance requires action, a complete turning away from sin and returning to God. Jesus indicates that the God who offers new life demonstrates great patience in waiting for and aiding our return. But ultimately, no response yields no fruit: God cannot bring us to resurrection unless we cooperate with acts of true repentance.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO CAFOD'S LENT APPEAL

Thank you for giving so generously, your generous gifts will ensure that CAFOD'S local experts, like Sister Anthonia in Sierra Leone, can support families with training in growing and making healthy food so that children can grow up big and strong. You can still donate on the CAOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent) or join CAFOD'S Walk Against Hunger to raise vital funds to tackle extreme hunger and its causes

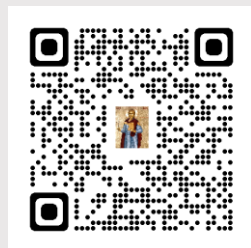
CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE 26TH MARCH

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

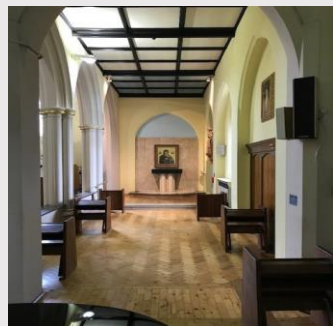
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

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.



ADULT CEILI CLASSES

Adult Ceili classes are taking place at The Woodside Park Club, Southover N12 7JG every Thursday night 8-8.45pm. Please come along or contact Fiona Haran from McGahan Lees for further information on **07985415421**

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. Please email the parish secretary by the end of March if you would like to be included finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk 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/>

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

We are still accepting applications to our nursery for September 2022. If your child was born between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020 please apply. All information can be found on the school website

<http://www.ololbarnetschool.org.uk>

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.

PARENT & TODDLER

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

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	20th March	9:30am	Iolanda & Pietro Terroni	RIP
		11:30am	Dick & Mary Shanahan	RIP
Monday	21st March	9:30am	Bernadette Whelan	RIP
Tuesday	22nd March	9:30am	Lucia D'Cruz	RIP
Wednesday	23rd March	9:30am	Anne McGrinch	RIP
Thursday	24th March	9:30am	Jim Stephens	INT
Friday	25th March	9:30am	Thomas Petitt	RIP
Saturday	26th March	6pm	Joseph Francis Victor	RIP

Please remember in your prayers

All the sick

John Came Terri McDermott Agnes Gallaher Mauria O'Connell

All the recently departed and their loved ones

Giuseppi Scala Trish Geraerts

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

Honorio de Borman

