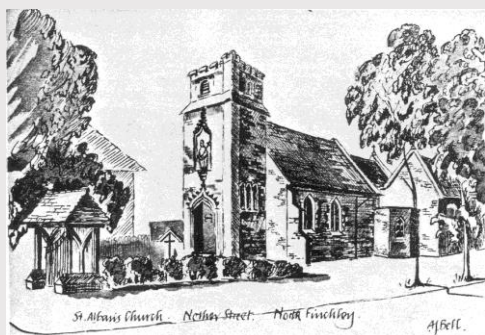


# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
+ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



## MASS TIMES w/c- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Sunday:** 9.30am & 11.30am

**Monday:** 9.30am

**Tuesday:** 11.30am-Funeral

Mario Avanzi

**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](http://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:** Joshua 5:9-12  
**Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
**Second reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Today at the 11.30 mass we are celebrating an important stage in the Church's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Our Catechumens, who will be Baptised at the Easter Vigil, have had their names inscribed in the Book of the Elect and our Candidates, who are completing their Christian Initiation by being Received into the Church and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil, celebrated the Rite of Election at Westminster Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent. This began for them a Lenten period of purification and enlightenment which is marked by ceremonies called 'Scrutinies'. These are intended to prepare them to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist by uniting them more closely with Christ and by encouraging them to make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply. The theme of the Second Scrutiny, which we celebrate today, is 'Christ Our Light'.

## TODAY'S READINGS:

When the Scrutinies began, in the Early Church, the readings we now use on the Fourth Sunday of Lent in Year A were chosen to be used. So today we are continuing a 2000-year-old tradition. You will find them in your Mass Books on page 172. Notice the Gospel is the account of the man born blind, from St John.

Please keep our Elect and Candidates in your prayers at this time, Frankie who will be Baptised at the Easter Vigil, Rosanna who is being Received into the Catholic Church and Luke who is to be Confirmed as well as the 8 children (whose ages range from 8 to 14)

## SPIRITANS APPEAL

Next weekend, 2/3 April, we welcome Fr. Pascal Diame to all masses as he makes an appeal on behalf of the Spiritans Missionary order. They are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation founded in 1703. Over 300 years on, 3000 professed and lay Spiritans, drawn from all continents, today carry out their mission of evangelization in more than 60 countries throughout the world. There will be a retiring collection after all masses for those who wish to assist with their work of evangelizing.

## EASTER OFFERINGS

The Easter and Christmas collections each year make up the bulk of the secular priests' salary. There are envelopes for this purpose at the exit doors of the church. Donations can be made electronically adding the words 'Easter Offering' to the name of the donor. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

## PALM SUNDAY

For Palm Sunday (April 9/10<sup>th</sup>) you are invited to bring your own palms/branches to be blessed. This saves the unnecessary importing of non-native palms from abroad and helps reduce our carbon footprint.

## RECEPTION AFTER EASTER VIGIL

Easter Vigil – this year we will be welcoming our new Catholics with a reception after the Easter vigil. It is a community event, and we invite you to bring along some nibbles, finger food or sweet treats to share.

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

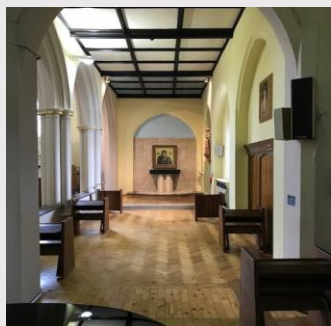
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk) Full details can be found on our website under the news section <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

## ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCY

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School are seeking to recruit an Administrative Assistant to assist with a wide range of administrative duties in the busy main school office. Details of this vacancy can be found in the church porch as well as full details on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

## FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VACANCY

Finchley Catholic High School are seeking to appoint a dynamic and exceptionally skilled Catholic Deputy Head. Details of this vacancy can be found in the church porch as well as full details under the news section on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

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

## MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>9:30am</b>  | Maria Georgina Victor            | RIP |
|                  |                              |                | Anne Glennon                     | RIP |
|                  |                              | <b>11:30am</b> | Angela Victor-Fernandes          | RIP |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>9.30am</b>  | Maria Austa Victoria             | RIP |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>11.30am</b> | <b>REQUIEM MASS MARIO AVANZI</b> |     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>9.30am</b>  | Liam MacLoughlin                 | INT |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b> | <b>9.30am</b>  | Angela Reddy                     | INT |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>  | <b>9.30am</b>  | Maura O'Connell                  | INT |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>  | <b>6pm</b>     | Hilda Quintero                   | RIP |

Please remember in your prayers

**All the sick**

John Came, Terri McDermott, Agnes Gallaher, Maura O'Connell

**All the recently departed and their loved ones**

Giuseppi Scala, Margaret McHugh, Mario Avanzi, Trish Geraerts  
**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:**

Anne Glennon

