

ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 3rd April 2022
+ 5th Sunday in Lent



MASS TIMES w/c- 3rd April 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: Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we
were glad.
Second reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

Isaiah assures the exiles in Babylon that their ever-faithful God has ended their decades of captivity and has begun a dramatic renewal. They will not simply return to the promised land; God plans to create the people anew, "that they might announce my praise" (Is 43:21). His merciful initiative of "doing something new" (43:19) awaits the re-created people's proper response: grateful praise. Writing to the Philippians, Paul again calls them to forget "what lies behind" (Phil 3:13). He urges the people to embrace the fullness of life that comes only in Christ.

In the Gospel, John offers a glimpse of that new life: compassion and mercy offered to all, no matter their offense. The woman caught in adultery has no reason to expect forgiveness. In the hands of religious leaders, she can only wait in horror for the inevitable application of the law: death by stoning. But Jesus imagines a new order in which even accusers reflect on and realize their own failures. In the tense scene, in which hearts are hardened against the woman, he creates the conditions for change. What person, aware of his or her own sin, could dare to condemn another? Reminded of their own sinfulness, the leaders reluctantly depart. To the woman, Jesus offers no condemnation. He does, however, show her how to embrace the new life God offers: "Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (Jn 8:11)

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.

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.

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.

THURSDAY CLUB 14TH APRIL 1.00PM-3PM

Come & join our Easter themed meeting we will be making Easter garlands, & having an afternoon of activity, lively chat, tea & cake. All welcome.

CATHERINE KELLY

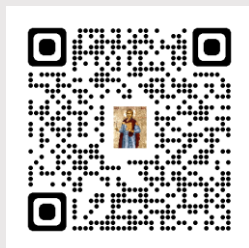
A former parishioner Catherine Kelly has sadly passed away our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Her funeral will take place at St Mary's Church East Finchley on 11th April at 12 noon

FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VACANCY

Finchley Catholic High School are seeking to appoint a dynamic and exceptionally skilled Catholic Deputy Head. Details 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/>

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

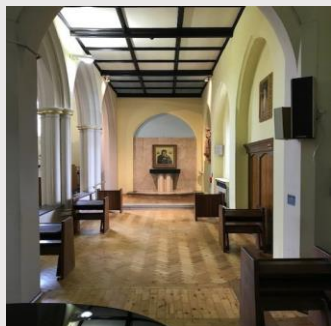
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

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.



HOMES FOR UKRAINE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The government's ground-breaking Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme is the first time since World War II that it has been possible for people to welcome refugees directly into their own homes as a way for them to enter the country legally and acquire the right to live and work here. It's also exceptional in that it is uncapped. There is no limit to how many people can find refuge here in Britain if people can be found to host them. The response of the British public has been fantastic! However, this is a scheme which has been designed to bring people in at speed and at scale without a great deal of planning. It can be daunting, complicated and frustrating to navigate. There is as yet little support for hosts and it doesn't provide a way for people who can't host to offer support. But you don't have to go it alone. Barnet Citizens is working in partnership with Citizens UK to build a co-ordinated community response in Barnet. We will support hosts and prospective hosts to think through the practicalities, navigate the process of matching and making the application, planning for arrival and beyond and providing ongoing support. We will provide safeguarding processes, training, resources, support structures, planning for what happens after the first six months and large-scale matching through partner organisations in Ukraine, Poland and Moldova. We will build a wider volunteer support network to engage the expertise and resources of volunteers unable to host but willing to help. If you would like to be a part of our efforts to welcome Ukrainian refugees to Barnet please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/XQbpztxAYW3UgJvR5> We will be holding initial informational meetings for hosts and prospective hosts soon. For more information contact Tamara Joseph at chair@fps.org.

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

St Michaels is first and foremost a Catholic school – we aim to transform society through our words and in our deeds- we are particularly interested in reaching out to underprivileged families as they are given preference in our admissions process. There is no distance criterion in our admissions process, St Michael's is a selective state school for girls.

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCIES

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School are seeking to recruit a committed and enthusiastic teacher of Music to lead the Music Department. As well as an Administrative Assistant to assist with a wide range of administrative duties in the busy main school office. Details of these vacancies can be found in the church porch as well as full details on our website

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	3rd April	9:30am	George Pacificus Victor	RIP
		11:30am	Nascimento Victoria	RIP
Monday	4th April	9.30am	Dharma Dharmakirithi	RIP
Tuesday	5th April	9.30am	Milton Fernandes	RIP
Wednesday	6th April	9.30am	John Early	RIP
Thursday	7th April	9.30am	Ralph Pinto	RIP
Friday	8th April	9.30am	Edna Akers Pettit	RIP
Saturday	9th April	6pm	Diogo Victor	RIP

Please remember in your prayers

All the sick

John Came, Terri McDermott, Agnes Gallaher, Mauria O'Connell,
Maureen Power

All the recently departed and their loved ones

Giuseppi Scala, Kathleen McHugh, Eileen Dougan, Trish Geraerts,
Catherine Kelly

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

Mary Morrissey, Dharma Dharmakirithi

