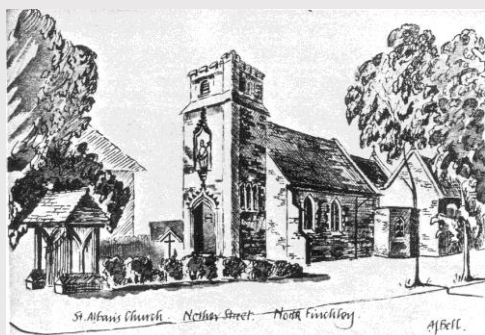


# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

+ 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS TIMES w/c- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**Saturday:** 6pm  
**Sunday:** 9.30am & 11.30am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** NO MASS  
**Thursday:** NO MASS  
**Friday:** 9.30am

**The Church will remain open during the day for private prayer.**

## Contact Information

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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:** Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4  
**Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.  
**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:5–10

For anyone who has ever felt weak or dull in faith, this week's readings offer a bracing tonic. In the first reading, we listen in on a dialogue between the prophet Habakkuk, distraught with the violence and corruption around him, and the Lord God responds by dictating a message for his people to the prophet – a message that combines encouragement with exhortation conveying a sense of divine tough love. Rashness will not win the prize, we learn; only through tenacious faith and just living can one live. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus describe the rigors of faithful discipleship as merely what is expected. When the disciples ask for increased faith, he astonishes them with his response about how little faith it would take to propel a mulberry tree into the sea. Disciples of all times have much to ponder in this image. How could we cultivate such faith? Yet the mulberry tree analogy hints at the same hidden treasure that Paul was describing – “the spirit . . . of power and love and self-control” (2 Tm 1:7) available to all of us.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY-WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022-23

**First Holy Communion Preparation** for children in Year 3 and above  
First Holy Communion Course for Baptised Catholic children attending Catholic schools and for children who have completed the Foundation Course. This will begin in November 2022. The forms are available in the church porch and on our website.

**Confirmation preparation** for young people in Year 9 and above this will begin in November 2022. The forms are now available via the link or by scanning the QR code below. Applications should be submitted no later than 30<sup>th</sup> October.

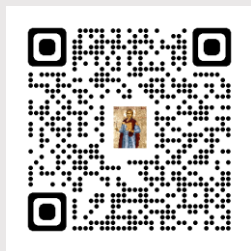
<https://forms.office.com/r/uczYExdqvX>



The information can also be found on our website under Sacramental Preparation <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

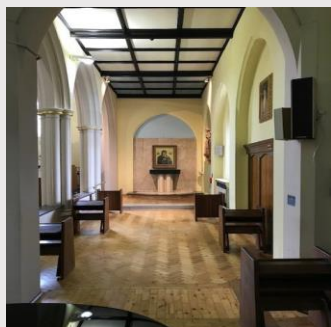
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

### 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

Thank you to everyone who joins us for the Sunday refreshments after the 9.30am Mass, and the volunteers who run it. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, and make new ones. Your generous donations over the last few months have enabled us to donate £350 to the Food bank. Our next target is the humanitarian crisis in Pakistan.

### THURSDAY CLUB 13 OCTOBER AT 1PM – 3PM

Lynne Bradley, an expert on musical theatre is to talk about her experience in the theatre. She trained as a ballet dancer and has made records with Tommy Steele and The Black and White Minstrels, and a solo LP, singing songs from the musicals. She has lots of tales to tell. Come & join us for this lively event and enjoy the tea & cake. All welcome.

### FINCHLEY FOOD BANK

Over 400 people per week are supported with 3 days' worth of food & toiletries by Finchley Foodbank, but food donations have dropped a lot recently. If you're able to add a little extra to your shopping and bring an extra can or two each week, there's a box (& full shopping list) at the back of the church. Many thanks.

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Could YOU invite someone you know to BECOME a CATHOLIC? Please think about whether you have any friends, neighbours, relatives or work colleagues you could ask to join our parish - or maybe just to find out more about the Scriptures and the Catholic Church's teachings? Invite them along to a group for adults which meets each Wednesday at 8pm in the Presbytery, starting on Wednesday 12th October. In the meantime, why not ask them to come to Mass with you and introduce them to Fr Dermot? Or else email the Parish Secretary so someone can phone them to answer their questions.

### MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

#### Saturday – St Therese of the Child

Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

6pm

Renny & Anu

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#### Sunday

9:30am

Kit and PJ Frawley

RIP

11:30am

Leslie De Souza

RIP

#### Monday

9.30am

Martin Mahony

RIP

#### Tuesday – St Francis of Assisi

9.30am

Paul Geraerts

RIP

#### Wednesday

NO MASS

#### Thursday

NO MASS

#### Friday – Our Lady of the Rosary

9.30am

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### Please remember in your prayers

##### All the sick

Michael Ryan, John Came, Terri McDermott, Mauria O'Connell,  
Martin Murphy, Kathleen Coogan,  
Anne O'Reilly, Eileen McKenna

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

Patricia Wraight,  
Larry Hughes

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

Leslie De Souza, Kit Frawley