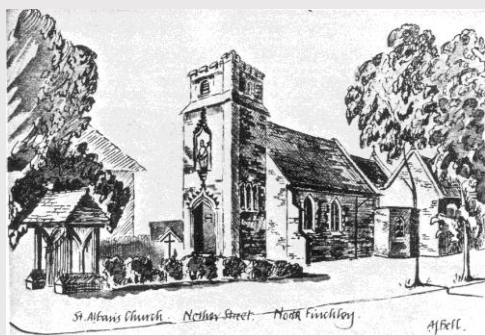


# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
+ 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS TIMES w/c- 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Saturday:** 6pm  
**Sunday:** 9.30am & 11.30am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 9.30am  
**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:** Exodus 17:8–13  
**Psalm:** Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2  
**Gospel:** Luke 18:1–8

The Gospel contains the well-known parable of the widow and the corrupt judge. It stands in the midst of Jesus' teaching on prayer in the Gospel according to Luke. One of the main points of the parable, namely, that persistence is necessary in prayer, remains timeless.

Jesus' audiences recognized that the deck was stacked strongly against the widow. So when Jesus pictured this widow approaching a corrupt judge, his point was not about ordinary persistence but resolute perseverance in the face of nearly insurmountable odds. In the end, this is a definitive portrait of faith. Believing despite the fact that your first attempt failed, and your second, and your third, shows faith's true character. Faith is not really about winning; it is about carrying on in the face of failure.

And that is what prayer appears to be for Jesus in Luke's account of the Gospel. It is not merely about getting what we want but about believing that possibilities lie beyond the difficult reality set before us. It is about believing that God can bring good out of any daunting reality.

## NOVEMBER-MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Traditionally, the month of November is observed as a period of prayer for the souls of those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. During November, all the souls of our faithful departed will be remembered at all masses in this church. You may wish to add the names of your loved ones who have died to the list that will be placed by the Altar for the month. To do so, simply take an envelope from the church porch, place your list inside and return it to the church or presbytery.

Further, on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, the 6.30pm mass will be offered for the souls of all those who have died in this parish over the previous year since last November.

## KEEP THE DATE: SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Pauline as quizmaster, and a fish and chip supper.

## CHRISTMAS TREAT APPEAL

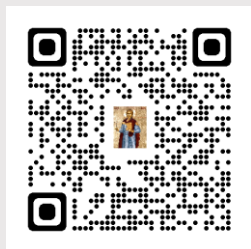
This is the annual collection of small gifts for the sick and housebound who are no longer well enough to come to church. If you know parishioner friends, neighbours or relatives who fall into this group, and currently do not have any contact with the church, please contact us at [socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com](mailto:socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com) and we will be in touch. Thank you

## LORETTO COLLEGE SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 19 October (6.30pm)  
(We are a Co-Ed Sixth Form)

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

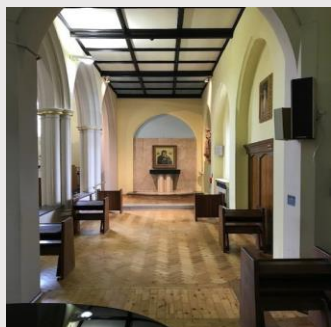
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

### 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.



## 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.

### 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/>  
**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCIES**

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Finance Administrator to provide a range of financial support services for the school under the direction of the Senior Finance Administrator.

Also, a Canteen Assistant to support the Canteen Supervisor in the safe, efficient and professional operation of the School Canteen. More information can be found in the church porch as well as on our website under news <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

### MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

<b>Saturday-St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Anne & Stanislaw Lisaj	RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Leslie De Souza	RIP
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
<b>Monday-St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Kevin Sheridan	RIP
<b>Tuesday-ST LUKE, Evangelist</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Roisin Rafferty	RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Joe Mendonca	RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Gerry, Nora & Ann Lynam	RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Michael Timlin	RIP

**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**

Seamus Brennan, Margaret Berry

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

Paddy Costello, Roisin Rafferty