

### MASS TIMES w/c - 26<sup>th</sup> November 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.

# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
 + 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First reading:** Isaiah 2:1–5  
**Psalm:** I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
 'Let us go to God's house.'  
**Second reading:** Romans 13:11–14  
**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37–44

Advent, the beginning of our liturgical year, marks a sacred season of twofold preparation: first, we as the Church ready ourselves for the second coming of Christ; second, the Church prepares for a festive celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

The Church community anticipates the judgement day, second coming of Christ, the day of peace. Christ came to fulfill this prophecy from Isaiah, and we pray that Christ will come to us again. We can call this theme "apocalyptic," as we look forward to the end times. In this case, the apocalypse is not a fiery, fearful future; for Christians, it is something to await in joyful hope. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent dives into the apocalyptic theme with warnings and pleas of preparation: "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come" (Mt 24:42). This is not meant to haunt or alarm but to instill in us a sense of urgency. Advent disrupts the complacency of our everyday lives, carrying ripe expectation and leaving us in anticipation.

### NEW AND CURRENT ALTER SERVERS

Are invited to come along to our church on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5pm for training. The training will last approximately 1 hour.

### ST ALBAN'S THURSDAY CLUB

**Thursday, 8 December 1.00 -3.00 pm**

You are invited to St Alban's Thursday Club Christmas Party with Barnet U3A Ukulele Band on Thursday 8 December 2022 at 1.00 pm. Tickets are £5 pp. All welcome. Please telephone Margaret on [07885708218](tel:07885708218) or Sarah on [07941242446](tel:07941242446) for tickets.

### SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start £15 per head including a fish and chip supper and raffle. Book a table of 6 or 8, or individual tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Colette (020 8445 5397), or contact the social committee on [socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com](mailto:socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com)

If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know when booking. All proceeds go to charity.

### CHRISTMAS TREAT APPEAL

As in previous years, there will be a collection box in the porch for donations of small gifts for the elderly housebound in our parish from 19<sup>th</sup> November. Gift ideas - biscuits, chocolates, toiletries, Xmas goodies and other small items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

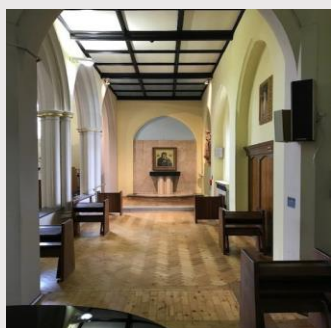
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

### 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.



## REPOSITORY

Advent calendars, Christmas cards, Nativity sets, Christmas books and stocking fillers for children are available in the Repository. The Repository is on the left-hand side after you enter the church, next to the card payment machine. It is a service run by volunteer parishioners for parishioners and all the profits go to the parish.

### CAN YOU HELP IN SOME MARKET RESEARCH?

This year is the 10th anniversary of Caritas Westminster, the social action arm of the Diocese. We are inviting anyone who would be interested to be part of a focus group happening in the coming fortnight to get in touch. There are three Zoom focus groups to choose from: Thursday 1, Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 December from 6.30-7.45pm. Your opinion would be very helpful. If you would like to take part, please email Julie Christie-Webb, Caritas Fundraising Manager, to register, at [juliechristiewebb@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:juliechristiewebb@rcdow.org.uk)

### 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.

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### ST MICHAEL'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCIES

The school is seeking to recruit an experienced and inspirational Oboe & Piano Teacher to join the Music Department.

An enthusiastic and well-qualified graduate teacher of Italian and also a Canteen Assistant to support the Canteen Supervisor in the safe, efficient and professional operation of the School Canteen. Full details of all these vacancies can be found in the church porch and on our website under the news section

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### MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Bruno Becci	RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>HOLY SOULS</b>	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Terrie McDermott	RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Joan Tansley	RIP
<b>Wednesday-ST ANDREW, Apostle,</b>			
<b>Patron of Scotland</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>HOLY SOULS</b>	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Keiran Kelly	RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Raymond Fu	RIP

### Please remember in your prayers

#### All the sick

Milan Yee, Frank Ennis, Maria Bohan, 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

Joyce Mendonca, Michael Reaney, Cynthia Gutteridge, Gerard Boyle  
**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:**