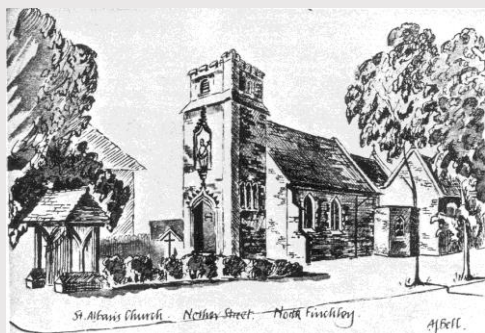


# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

+ 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## MASS TIMES w/c- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

**Saturday:** 6pm  
**Sunday:** 9.30am & 11.30am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 9.30am  
**Friday:** 10.30am **REQUIEM MASS**  
**JOYCE MENDONCA**

*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:** Isaiah 11:1–10  
**Psalm:** In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
**Second reading:** Romans 15:4–9  
**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1–12

Today's first reading, from Isaiah, looks forward to the coming of the long-awaited Messiah, who will be filled with the fullness of God's Spirit. He will bring peace to the world, a peace he describes in a vision where "the calf and the young lion shall browse together" (Is 11:6). The coming of Jesus inaugurates this fulfillment.

In the Gospel reading, God's Word comes to the people in the desert through the person of John the Baptist. The desert is the place where the Israelites had wandered for forty years and where God formed them into a people. The prophets foresaw that God would lead the people back to the desert to form them again into God's people. John the Baptist, who resembles the prophets with his clothing and diet, calls for a change of heart: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt 3:2). John speaks of one who is to come, one who is far greater than he. While John baptised with water, the one to come, Jesus, will batise "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3:11). As John the Baptist called on his people to set things right, so we are called this Advent to set things right with God as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas and welcome his presence into our lives.

## PARISH MASS BOOK

If you are using the Parish Mass Book at Sunday mass during Advent, we use the Preface of Advent 1 for the first 3 Sundays and the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II (page 40).

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The collection on Christmas Day along with Easter Sunday makes up most of the salary for the parish priest. As this Christmas day falls on a Sunday, all standing orders & offertory envelopes still go to the parish upkeep. Parishioners who contribute by these means may wish to take a separate 'Christmas Offering' envelope from the porch to contribute towards the parish priest's salary.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## 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.

## 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.

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

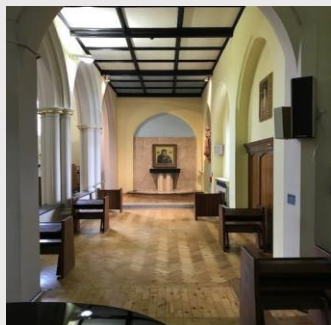
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

### 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.



## 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

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 19th November. Gift ideas - biscuits, chocolates, toiletries, Xmas goodies and other small items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 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)

## 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

<b>Saturday-St Francis Xavier, Priest</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Anthony Lo	RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Rosa Leonardi	RIP
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Mattea Galt	INT
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Gek Bee Prout	INT
<b>Wednesday- St Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Stephen Tang	RIP
<b>Thursday-THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Patron of the Diocese</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Josie Kernan	INT
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	
		<b>JOYCE MENDONCA</b>	

**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,

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

Ellen & Dennis Ferry, Carmen Pisana, Rosa Leonardi