

ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 11th December 2022
+ 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS TIMES w/c- 10th December 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.

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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 35:1–6, 10
Psalm: Come, Lord, and save us.
Second reading: James 5:7–10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11

The Gospel offers the perfect example of waiting in John the Baptist, whose whole life was spent in active waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah. As he languishes in Herod's prison, he hears of a different Jesus than he expected. Following the Jewish tradition, John believed the Messiah would be a powerful figure who would overthrow the Romans and establish the kingdom of God.

John sends his disciples to inquire of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Mt 11:3). Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah: "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Mt 11:5). These words challenge John's idea of the Messiah. Jesus says that the true reading of Scripture looks forward to a Messiah who would touch the lives of people where they are. He would heal them spiritually and physically and restore them to a relationship with God. Jesus is saying that his actions show who he is.

As Christians, we lead our lives like John the Baptist, waiting patiently while actively striving to prepare a way for Christ into our lives and into the lives of others.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREAT APPEAL

THANK YOU all so much for your generous contributions to the elderly housebound and those living in care homes. The collection ends this weekend, and we'll be wrapping up the gifts next week – if you'd like to join us, we'll be in the hall on Friday 16th December from 2 – 4pm.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve **6pm** and **8pm**
Christmas Day **9.30am** and **11.30am**

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

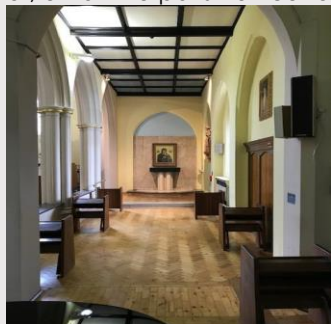
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

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.



CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed in the new year until 17th January.
I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas.
God bless Alison

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

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCY

The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic temporary Teacher of English & Drama to this selective school, four times judged OUTSTANDING by OFSTED, which is committed to the ideals of Catholic education and where GCSE and A Level results are consistently excellent. Full details can be found in the church porch or on our website under news

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

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 10th DECEMBER

Saturday	6pm	Helina Walsh	RIP
Sunday	9:30am	Ellen & Dennis Ferry	RIP
	11:30am	Bridie Carey	RIP
Monday	9.30am	Patricia McGovern	RIP
Tuesday-St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	9.30am	Margaret & James Dolan	INT
		Delfina Paganini	RIP
Wednesday-St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	9.30am	Larry Hughes	RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Joan Doyle	RIP
Friday	9.30am	Milan Yee	INT

Please remember in your prayers

All the sick

Agnes Day, 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

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

Michael Galbally, Delfina Paganini