

# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
+ 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



## MASS TIMES w/c- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

**First reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6–7, 10–13  
**Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
**Second reading:** Ephesians 5:8–14  
**Gospel:** John 9:1–41

In today's first reading, David, the youngest son of Jesse, seems an unlikely choice for a king as opposed to all his mature, highly qualified brothers. At least he seems unlikely by human standards. But God knows best how to make decisions for the well-being of the Chosen People. Clearly God's ways are not ours. What's more, not by chance is David a shepherd! Many centuries later, Jesus too will call himself a shepherd, demonstrating that his mission is grounded in tenderness and compassion.

The much-beloved Psalm 23 is a fitting prayer-hymn for today. Although God is described as "my shepherd" (Ps 23:1), making the psalm a personal prayer, the task of the shepherd, and of Jesus himself, is to take care of the whole flock, the entire people of God. The Lord is portrayed as one who tenderly cares for the sheep, feeding and protecting them all the days of their lives.

Just as, in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus relieved the woman's thirst with living water, today he gives the man born blind his sight—and the light of faith. In these stories (and also in next week's story), God works through Jesus to transform the human condition, bringing healing for body and spirit. Many witness his works—the crowds and religious leaders—but not all come to faith.

***During Lent, we will use Eucharistic Prayer 1 for Reconciliation, found on pg. 37 of the Parish Mass Book. The preface for the Eucharistic Prayer is proper to each Sunday of Lent, pg. 71 of the Parish Mass Book & following.***

## BISHOPS CALL FOR SAFE ACCESS OF MIGRANTS TO THE UK

In a new publication titled 'Love the Stranger', the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) offers a list of 24 principles for immigration policies based on "the innate worth of each human person."

As debate continues in Britain over proposed legislation to prevent migrants from crossing the English Channel, and banning them from entering the UK in the future, the Bishops of England and Wales have called on policy makers to uphold the human dignity of migrants and refugees.

A full digital copy of 'Love the Stranger' can be viewed on our website. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

## FRIDAY FRUGAL BRUNCH

Refreshments in the hall after every Friday Mass during Lent. All donations will go to the earthquake disaster efforts in Turkey and Syria. Many thanks

Parish QR code

For online donations



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS:

To arrange a baptism please contact Fr Dermot.

### FUNERALS:

It is 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.



## ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give me the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

I will need your details before the **1<sup>st</sup> April**

Thank you, Alison.

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telephone **020 8446 0224**

## ORGAN MUSIC FOR LENT

During Lent, there will be a little light organ music. While this is neither a recital nor a concert, parishioners may like to drop in for a prayer and organ music, or just listen for a while. If you do enjoy this, please may I request no applause. Stephen

Wednesday 22nd March 12 - 12:30

Wednesday 29th March 12 - 12:30

## CURRENTLY ON SALE IN THE REPOSITORY

We have lovely communion cards and gifts. Please do come and have a look and support our parish.

## FUNERAL DETAILS

Requiem mass **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30** Elena Novelli

Requiem mass **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30** Milan Yee

### MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Anna Magnitis	INT
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Kathleen McHugh	RIP
	<b>11:30am</b>	Joe & Joyce Mendonca	RIP
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March (ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese)</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Iolanda Pietro	RIP
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Sierra & Clayton	INT
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Delia Farrel	RIP
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>		<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Paddy Walsh	RIP

**Please remember in your prayers**

**All the sick**

Brendan O'Brien, Robert Rowe, John Came,  
Kevin Kerr,

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

Elena Novelli, Adrian Stephens, Shaun LaCrette, Eileen O'Sullivan,  
Milan Yee, Noreen Murphy, Wendy Galea

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

Kathleen McHugh, Lina Moia, Terence de Fonseka, Johnny Murphy