

ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 26th March 2023
+ 5th SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS TIMES w/c- 25th March 2023

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday: 11.30am REQUIEM MASS
ELENA NOVELLI
Tuesday: 10.30am REQUIEM MASS
MILAN YEE
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.30am
The Church will remain open during the day for private prayer.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30
on Sundays.

REPOSITORY

Open after both Sunday Masses.

First reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.
Second reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

In today's first reading, the prophet Ezekiel delivers God's words to his covenant people, using a graphic metaphor to illustrate God's desire and power to give them life. The graves of the dead will be opened and the dead will rise up. Furthermore, all those in exile will be brought safely home. By these acts the people will know that their God has power over life and death.

John's story of the raising of Lazarus offers us hope and consolation in the face of death. The grief of Jesus, Martha, and Mary shows us that the Lord understands and shares in our human grief at the death of our loved ones. At the same time, Jesus teaches that, through the power his Father has given him, he has power over death. Ultimately he will teach us through his own death and resurrection that we can trust in the promise of eternal life.

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.

PALM SUNDAY

Please bring your own palms or branches for blessing to mass next Sunday. This both protects the environment by not getting in exotic, non-native palms from abroad and gives witness locally to the feast day by parading branches as we come to church.

AFTER EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

After the Easter Vigil, we will be holding a **Reception** in the hall to welcome the new Catholics to our church family. As usual, it is a **'bring and share'** event and we invite you to bring along some nibbles, finger food or sweet treats to share. If possible, please leave food offerings in the hall before Mass begins. Thank you

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/>

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.



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

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 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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 **1st April**

Thank you, Alison.

email: finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk or

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 29th March 12 - 12:30

CURRENTLY ON SALE IN THE REPOSITORY

We have lovely communion cards & gifts, Easter cards & gifts for babies. Please do come and have a look and support our parish.

FUNERAL DETAILS

Requiem mass **Monday 27th March at 11.30** Elena Novelli

Requiem mass **Tuesday 28th March at 10.30** Milan Yee

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 25th MARCH

Saturday 25th March-THE ANNUNCIATION

OF THE LORD		6pm	Peggy Tully	RIP
Sunday 26 th March	9:30am	Noreen Byrne	RIP	
	11:30am	Josephine Hanlon	RIP	
Monday 27 th March		Thomas Walsh	INT	
	11.30am	REQUIEM MASS Elena Novelli		
Tuesday 28 th March	10.30am	REQUIEM MASS Milan Yee		
Wednesday 29 th March	9.30am	Bridget & Hennessy family	INT	
Thursday 30 th March	9.30am	Eileen O'Sullivan	RIP	
Friday 31 st March	9.30am	Milan Yee	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, Milan Yee, Adrian Stephens

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

Thomas & Frances Leech