

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
**ST ALBAN**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER - 30th April 2023**

**First reading** Acts 2:14, 36–41  
**Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
**Second reading:** 1 Peter 2:20–25  
**Gospel:** John 10:1–10



**MASS TIMES & MASS  
INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 29th April**

**Saturday 29th April-ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor**  
6pm Lina Moia (RIP)

**SUNDAY 30th April**  
9:30am Carole O'Reilly (INT)  
Mattea Gatt (T-giving)  
11:30am Bridie Pini

**MONDAY 1st May**  
9.30am James McGovern (RIP)

**TUESDAY 2nd May-St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor**  
9.30am Pauline Moran (RIP)

**WEDNESDAY 3rd May-SS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles**  
9.30am Johnny Murphy (RIP)

**THURSDAY 4th May-THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**  
9.30am Seamus Murphy (RIP)

**FRIDAY 5th May**  
9.30am Peter McAughey (RIP)

**Please remember in your prayers**  
**All the sick**

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

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

Michael Boyle, Garcia Godinho, Judith Agholor, Barbara Rodrigues

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

We are most familiar with images referring to Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life or the Good Shepherd, but in today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of "gatekeeping." Jesus begins with a parable about a gatekeeper who knows Jesus and opens the gate for the sheep to enter the sheepfold. Since the sheep are familiar with Jesus' voice, they trust him and follow wherever he leads. Jesus tells this parable explicitly for the Pharisees to identify his role as leader of God's people. When the Pharisees fail to understand Jesus' message, he becomes more direct: "I am the gate for the sheep" (Jn 10:7). As the gate, Jesus offers safety as well as freedom on the path to salvation. This image opens a richness for reflection. As the gate, Jesus offers access to what nourishes and protects from harm. The risen Lord sustains us in our journey, accompanying us as we move toward the Father.

**SAVE THE DATE: MASS  
FOR THE SICK AND  
HOUSEBOUND**

**Saturday 20th May 2023 at 11.30am**

All are welcome. If you know of any relatives, neighbours or friends who find it difficult to get to church, this could be an ideal opportunity to enable them to come by offering them a lift.

Mass will be followed by refreshments in the hall and carers and helpers are very welcome. If anyone has any dietary restrictions, please do let us know by emailing [socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com](mailto:socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Parish Priest** - Rev Dermot O'Neil

**Parish Secretary** - Alison McKinnie (Office hours: **Tuesday & Thursday 9.00-1.00pm, Friday 9.00-12noon**  
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**Parish Website** - Visit our website for all weekly updates at [parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

**Safeguarding** - Claudia Clayman - Email: [finchleynorthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:finchleynorthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**CHILDRENS LITURGY** - Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30am on Sundays.

**REPOSITORY** - Open after both Sunday Masses.

## 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.

## THANK YOU

We were overwhelmed with your generosity with our foodbank collection last week – it was an absolute bumper crop of donations – thank you so much! Finchley Foodbank supports up to 600 people per week, with new users arriving every Saturday, looking for support. Please place any in-date food cupboard items & toiletries (no fresh food please) in the boxes at the back of the church and we'll deliver them to the foodbank for you. There's a shopping list there too, if you're looking for ideas. Thank you again.

## Parish Spiritual Library

Through the generosity of a parishioner a number of books have been left in the church porch for people to borrow and return. Many of the books are by renowned spiritual writers, (Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Sienna, C.S. Lewis, etc) Please feel free to borrow a book you may wish to read, but please return it for others to read!

## HONG KONG CATHOLIC SMALL FAITH GROUP

A small faith group of Cantonese speaking Catholic's from Hong Kong sincerely invite you to join their first gathering in the Church Hall at 12:30pm on 30 April (Sunday). We gather to share our lives, to pray, to share faith as related to Sunday Gospel.

Welcome to bring food for sharing.

香港教友信仰小團體  
由一班來自香港的教友誠邀您我們各位來自香港的兄弟姊妹參加我們於4月30日下午12:30在堂區小禮堂舉辦的第一次聚會,我們會以廣東話去分享生活,去祈禱,去分享主日福音,歡迎帶同小食分享。

## Amended from last weeks newsletter!

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Sunday morning refreshments and Friday Frugal Brunch during Lent. We raised an amazing **£321** at the Sunday refreshments and **£506** from our Friday Frugal Brunch!

**£827** has been donated to Mary's Meals for the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. Thank you again for giving so generously!!

## REPOSITORY

### LOVELY CARDS AND GIFTS CURRENTLY ON SALE IN THE REPOSITORY

First Holy Communion is taking place in our parish next month. We have some amazing cards & gifts.

**Please visit and support our parish**



## QR CODE

Parish QR code  
For online donations

The church will remain open during the day for private prayer.