

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 16TH April 2023

First reading Acts 2:42–47
Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3–9
Gospel: John 20:19–31



**MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 15th April**

Saturday 15th April
6pm Clement Chan (RIP)

SUNDAY 16th April
9:30am Noreen Byrne (RIP)

11:30am Sofia Dias (T'giving)

MONDAY 17th April
9.30am Celeb Power (RIP)

TUESDAY 18th April
9.30am Sabina & Stanislaw Maciejewski (RIP)

WEDNESDAY 19th April-St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr
9.30am Joe & Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

THURSDAY 20th April
9.30am Anne & Stanislaw Lisaj (RIP)

FRIDAY 21st April
9.30am John O'Shea (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

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

The resurrection's transforming power is apparent in today's readings. In the Gospel, the frightened disciples are changed as Jesus enters the room in which they are hiding. With the greeting *Shalom*, Jesus offers them blessings on every dimension of their being. This blessing, translated as "Peace be with you" (Jn 20:21), communicates God's mercy. Jesus goes further by extending the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (19:22-23). The Spirit's power transforms their lives, enabling them to extend God's mercy and forgiveness to those who seek it. The risen Lord still bears the marks of his crucifixion. He is always the wounded Christ, as the Book of Revelation relates (5:6). The apostle Thomas is not present on this occasion and refuses to believe the witness of the other disciples. A week later Thomas is present when the risen Lord appears again. There, Thomas makes a confession of faith as he says, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). Jesus responds by blessing those who have not seen and yet believed.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS & CHILDREN OF
CATECHETICAL AGE**

We congratulate the adults in our parish who completed their Christian Initiation this Easter: Daniel who was Baptised, Owain who was Received into the Catholic Church as well as Roland and Ruth who were Confirmed. We also welcome into our community the children whose ages range from 8 to 14: Samuel, Cheuk Yiu, May and Milo who were Baptised as well as Ethan and Luke who were Received into the Catholic Church.

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

Safeguarding - Claudia Clayman - Email: 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

Many thanks to all who helped in any way at the Easter Ceremonies in our church. I am particularly grateful to those who provided music and singing through the week. It really enhanced the dignity of the ceremonies. I am grateful also to the social committee for laying on the reception after the Vigil on Holy Saturday and all the parishioners for bringing food. A heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who expressed Easter wishes and gave generously at Easter.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated
Fr. Dermot O'Neill

GIFT AID

Any parishioners that make donations who sign up to gift aid and no longer pay tax please can you let me know via email. Thank you Claire

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REPOSITORY

CURRENTLY ON SALE IN THE REPOSITORY

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

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

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.



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