

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 14th May 2023

First reading Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second reading: 1 Peter 3:15–18
Gospel: John 14:15–21



**MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 13th May**

Saturday 13th May
6pm Stella Pulecio (RIP)

SUNDAY 14th May
9:30am Clement Chan (RIP)
11:30am Bridie Byrne (INT)

MONDAY 15th May
9.30am Private intentions

TUESDAY 16th May
9.30am Sean Ennis (RIP)
7pm Michael Boyle received into the church

WEDNESDAY 17th May
10.30am REQUIEM MASS MICHAEL BOYLE
7pm Vigil Mass of the Ascension

THURSDAY 18th May-THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
9.30am Con Kerin (RIP)

FRIDAY 19th May
9.30am Joe and Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

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

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

All the recently departed and their loved ones

Anne O'Reilly, John Foran, Michael Boyle, Garcia Godinho, Judith Agholor,
Barbara Rodrigues

and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:
Con Kerin, Stella Pulecio

Jesus reminds his followers of his call to follow his commandment of love: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15). Love is at the heart of every relationship, especially our relationship with God and with our neighbour. We share in the very life of God, a life of love: "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father" (14:21)

In the reading from Acts, the life of the early Church flourishes through the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing that the Word of God had been preached to the Samaritans, the apostles send Peter and John to empower them with the gift of the Holy Spirit as "they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 8:16). As Jesus came "to baptise with the holy spirit" (Jn 1:33), the apostles confer the gift of the Holy Spirit by "[laying] hands on them" (Acts 8:17). Here the foundation for the sacraments of baptism and confirmation is expressed clearly.

Thursday May 18th May is the feast of The Ascension. Vigil mass Wednesday at 7pm and Thursday mass at 9.15am

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neil

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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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children of Catechetical Age

After receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, the new members of our Parish are completing their journey towards Pentecost through the Mystagoga. To mark this, we will present the adults: Daniel, Owain, Roland and Ruth with the Creed at the 9.30 Mass this Sunday as a sign that we have shared our Faith with them.

Next Saturday, they and the children: Samuel, Aydan, May, Milo, Luke and Ethan will celebrate the Mass for New Catholics from all over the Diocese with Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Westminster Cathedral. Please pray for them

Over the next two Sundays our children preparing for First Holy Communion, will receive the Sacrament at 11.30am mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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!

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 email socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com

MUSIC PRACTICE

Music practice on Friday 26th May
7pm - 8.30pm.

Any singers or musicians who would like to come along for this please feel welcome. It's an opportunity to look at music for Pentecost and feast of St. Alban

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School N12 is massively appreciative of all the donations to the NSPCC and are proud to announce that, together, we've raised £4,452.00! 50 children from OLOL, the Executive Head, Barbara Costa, and the Head of School, Heather Kilcommons, ran the world's biggest Marathon along the iconic route at the TCS London Marathon and are still buzzing from the event and how much they've raised for such a wonderful charity which will bring hope and change to many children and families. Thank you, from all of us at OLOL.



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