

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 18th June 2023

First reading Exodus 19:2–6
Psalm: We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.
Second reading: Romans 5:6–11
Gospel: Matthew 9:36–10:8



**MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 17th June**

Saturday 17th June-The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6pm Nora Sexton (RIP)

Sunday 18th June
9:30am Rosemarie Williams
11:30am Judith Agholor (RIP)
Joe & Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

Monday 19th June
9.30am NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 20th June-St Alban, Protomartyr
9.30am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Wednesday 21st June-St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
9.30am Peter Murphy (RIP)

**Thursday 22nd June-SS JOHN FISHER, Bishop and
THOMAS MORE, Martyrs**
10.30am REQUIEM MASS MAURA EVENHUIS

Friday 23rd June
9.30am David McCarthy (RIP)

Please remember in your prayers
All the sick

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

All the recently departed and their loved ones
Maura Evenhuis

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

A local saint, St. Alban lived (at some time during the 3rd Century) in the Roman City of Verulamium, now called the City of St. Albans. Although he was then a worshipper of the Roman Gods including the Emperor, he gave shelter to a Christian Priest fleeing from persecution. Influenced by the priest's prayer and teaching, he became a Christian. When the authorities discovered the priest's hiding place Alban exchanged clothes with him. The priest escaped and Alban was bound and taken before the judge. The judge was furious at the deception and ordered that Alban should receive the punishment due to the priest, if he had indeed become a Christian.

Alban declared his Christian faith. There is a prayer of his 'I worship and adore the true and living God, who created all things'. Despite flogging he refused to sacrifice to the Roman Gods and was sentenced to death.

He was brought out of town, across the river and up a hill to the site of execution. Legend tells us that on the hilltop a spring water miraculously appeared to give the martyr a drink; also that moved by his witness the original executioner refused to carry out the deed, and a replacement killed Alban. St. Alban became the first Christian martyr in England. This account is based on that of the Venerable Bede, who tells us that; **'When the peace of Christian times was restored a beautiful church worthy of his martyrdom was built, where sick folk are healed and frequent miracles takes place to this day'. (about 760)**

In later years the church also contained the shrine of St. Amphibalus, the priest whose life Alban saved. Ever since those early times, people have journeyed to remember St. Alban and all that he stands for. They have come to pray for peace and healing and to seek God. They came in such numbers in the middle ages that St. Alban became the premier Abbey in all England. They still go there today. St. Alban died for his faith on Holmhurst Hall - where the present Cathedral stands. The feast of St. Alban the Martyr is kept on June 20th with Red Vestments and is the patron saint of our Church in North Finchley. His statue, dressed as a Roman Soldier, is by the right side of our altar. The Foundation Stone of our Church of St. Alban was laid in 1908.

May St. Alban, guide and protect us, as we live out the same faith as his.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Training for new altar servers will take place over two Friday afternoons on 23rd and 30th June at 5pm in the church. Anybody interested in joining our team of servers is most welcome.

MUSIC/SINGING PRACTICE

Music and singing practice will be in the church on Friday 7th July at 7pm. We will be exploring some new music for the Autumn period of Ordinary time. All are welcome

Community of Faith Hong Kong

Sunday 25 June 12:30

All are welcome to join the Cantonese speaking faith and life sharing gathering
香港教友信仰小團體
6月25日星期日12:30
歡迎大家參加此廣東話信仰及生活分享聚會

CAFOD: update on the conflict in Sudan

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day takes place every year on the 20th June. 2023 marks the 25th anniversary of Refugee Week, which is an initiative founded in the UK. The theme for this year's Refugee Week is COMPASSION. Pope Francis has called compassion 'the language of God' and 'the path of true justice'. He also says that 'closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God. God draws near, and he draws near with tenderness and compassion.' Recently the Catholic Bishops' Conference shared the new document 'Love the Stranger'. You can read this at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

Job Advert – CAFOD Diocese of Westminster

Community Participation Co-ordinator – Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details on web page. cafod.org.uk/jobs (Closing Date 25/6)



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