

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 16th July 2023

First reading Isaiah 55:10–11
Psalm: Some seed fell into rich soil,
 and produced its crop.
Second reading: Romans 8:18–23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1–23



MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 15th July

Saturday 15th July–St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
6pm Michael Flatterty (RIP)

Sunday 16th July
9:30am John & Margaret Came (INT)
11:30am Joe & Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

Monday 17th July
9.30am Fr. Peyton (INT)

Tuesday 18th July
9.30am Elena Novelli (RIP)

Wednesday 19th July
9.30am Mary Kerin (RIP)

Thursday 20th July
9.30am Peter Trainor (RIP)

Friday 21st July
9.30am Mary Joyce (RIP)

Please remember in your prayers
All the sick

Janet Crawley, Carmel Carey, Gabriel Hadid, John Came,
Brendan O'Brien, Robert Rowe, Kevin Kerr, Leroy Condor

All the recently departed and their loved ones

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

Mary Kerin

"[S]ome seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit"

Midsummer is a powerful time to hear this parable for the earth has warmed and is starting to produce. If you visit a local farmer's market you will start to see a rich and wide variety of produce from now until the fall. And the work of growing plants—whether in pots on an apartment balcony or on large-scale agricultural operations—is rich with imagery that can be meaningful for the life of faith. Plants start as seeds, which are not living things on their own. But they carry potential for far more than seems possible at first glance. Given the right conditions, they grow to many times their size, eventually bearing fruit (whose botanical job, by the way, is to produce and spread more seeds!). We, too, need the right conditions and care to grow and bear fruit; God offers us all this so that we might bear life abundantly.

The newsletter is taking a break for the summer. This will be the last one until September.

For all Mass Intentions names will only be announced if you make that request.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neil

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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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023-24

First Holy Communion Preparation for children in Year 3 and above is in 2 parts:

Part 1 is a Foundation Course for children who are Baptised Catholics and attend non-Catholic schools and for children who are not yet Baptised. This begins in September 2023. The application forms are on the parish website and in the church porch now.

Part 2 is a First Holy Communion Course for Baptised Catholic children attending Catholic schools and for children who have completed the Foundation Course. This will begin in November 2023. The forms will be available in October 2023.

Confirmation Preparation for young people in Year 9 and above. This will begin in November 2023. The forms will be available in October 2023.

An Invitation: 'Come and See'

Do you know anyone whom you could invite to learn more about the Catholic Church? Or perhaps someone who might be considering becoming a Catholic? If so, please invite them to attend a meeting for adults on Wednesday 27th September at 8pm in the Presbytery where they can meet other interested adults and find out what is involved. In the meanwhile, if they want to know more, introduce them to Fr Dermot or ring or email the Parish Secretary who will ask someone to phone them with information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

at the 9.30 Sunday Mass is taking a Summer Break. It starts again on Sunday 10th September. Huge thanks to our teams of 16 Catechists who work so hard to explain the Sunday Gospel to our youngest children. They are meeting on Tuesday 5th September at 8pm in the Church Hall. If you would like to find out more about joining one of our monthly teams, why not come along? You will be made very welcome.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support of Finchley Foodbank. The cost of living crisis means fewer donations and more demand, so we're really grateful for your generosity - the foodbank supports 500-600 people every week with 3 days' worth of food & toiletries. We ask for dried or tinned items that are in-date - there's a list in the porch if you need inspiration!

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



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