#### 21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# **ST ALBAN**

## PARISH NEWSLETTER - 27th August 2023

Isaiah 22:19-23 First reading

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, **Psalm:** 

discard not the work of your hands.

**Romans 11:33–36 Second reading:** 

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK **COMMENCING 26th August** 

**Saturday 26th August** 6pm David Charles Eaves (RIP)

**Sunday 27th August** 

9:30am Molly Mercer (RIP) Therese Jones (RIP)

11:30am Ricky Diamond (RIP)

Monday 28th August-St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor 9.30am Paul Geraerts (RIP)

Tuesday 29th August-The Passion of St John the Baptist PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

> **Wednesday 30th August** 9.30am Margaret Came (INT)

**Thursday 31st August** 9.30am Bernadette McGann (INT)

**Friday 1st September** 9.30am Bernadette McGann (INT)

Please remember in your prayers All the sick

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

> All the recently departed and their loved ones Jean McDonnell

and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this

Ricky Diamond, David Charles Eaves, Patrick & Mary Curran, Therese Jones

### CONTACT INFORMATION

"Peter is an imperfect, problematic, very human person. Here he shows great faith and insight into the reality of who Jesus is, yet at the passion he will be the first to run away from the frightful scene and will repeatedly deny his connection to Christ. In this scene, he appears to earn his status as first among the disciples by giving the right answer to a tricky question. But in reality, his power and leadership are unearned gifts from God; Jesus even says that it is God who revealed this answer to Peter. Leadership in the church is not earned or deserved. All too often its leaders fail to live out the holiness to which we are all called. But because it is given by God, it still has some level of trustworthiness; the church is never left alone with the imperfection of solely human leadership.

## Finchley Catholic High Secondary Transfer Evening

Tuesday 12th September 2023 We are holding our annual Secondary Transfer Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 12th September from 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm.

For further information there is a poster in the church porch

Parish Secretary - Alison McKinnie (Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.00-1.00pm, Friday 9.00-12noon

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.

## 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.



QR CODE

Parish QR code For online donations

#### 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.