

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 3rd September 2023

First reading Jeremiah 20:7–9
Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God.
Second reading: Romans 12:1–2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21–27



MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 2ND SEPTEMBER

Saturday 2nd September
6pm Barbara Preece

Sunday 3rd September
9:30am Teresa Hukowski (RIP)
Graham Landucci (RIP)
11:30am Bridget Hennessy (RIP)

Monday 4th September
9.30am Molly Mercier (RIP)

Tuesday 5th September
10am REQUIEM JANE TERESA MCDONNELL (JEAN)

Wednesday 6th September
11.30am REQUIEM SEAN JOHN CAREY

Thursday 7th September
9.30am Private Intentions

Friday 8th September - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9.30am Jerry Moorhead (RIP)

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, Sean Carey

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

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."
Last week Peter answered Jesus's question correctly and was affirmed as a conduit of divine knowledge and received the delegation of divine power. But later in the very same conversation, he messes up. He hears of God's unthinkable plan for Jesus—one that involves a horrific and humiliating death—and he responds as any of us would if a friend started talking like that. He responds with loving protectiveness; but in this case, that is not the right response. God's logic is not our own, and here Jesus introduces the contradictory idea that saving our life causes us to lose it while giving up our life enables us to find it. Mystics reconcile this contradiction by pointing out that much of what we cling to is a superficial self that gives a false sense of what life is. By letting go of all that is not real or permanent, we find our true selves, which are at home with God.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neill

Parish Secretary - Alison McKinnie (Office hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday & 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.

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. The closing date is Sunday 3rd September.

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.

Thank you

The social committee would like to give a huge thanks to all that came to refreshments after Sunday mass. In one month we raised a wonderful **£224** which we have donated to The Finchley Foodbank

Thursday Club 14th September Lunch Social 1.00pm - 3.00pm

We welcome all to our monthly social gathering. Lynda is back to lead the Tai Chi. Come for a chat over a bowl of soup and catch up after our Summer break. We look forward to seeing you.

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



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