

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 17th September 2023

**First reading** Ecclesiasticus 27:30–28:7  
**Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
**Second reading:** Romans 14:7–9  
**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21–35



MASS TIMES & MASS  
INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 16TH SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 16th September-Ss Cornelius,  
Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**  
6pm Mary Whelan (INT)

**Sunday 17th September**  
9:30am Georgie Byrne (RIP)  
11:30am Michael Duane (RIP)

**Monday 18th September**  
9.30am Joe & Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

**Tuesday 19th September**  
9.30am Danny Joe Cronin RIP

**Wednesday 20th September-St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,  
Paul Chong Ha Sang, and Companions, Martyrs**  
9.30am Margaret Murphy (RIP)

**Thursday 21st September-ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist**  
9.30am Bernie Flanagan (RIP)

**Friday 22nd September**  
9.30am Danny Joe Cronin (RIP)

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

Bob Smith, Sally Sheridan, Bernadette McGann,  
Janet Crawley, Gabriel Hadid  
Brendan O'Brien, Robert Rowe

**All the recently departed and their loved ones**  
John Came, Kevin Kerr  
**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this  
time:**  
Margaret Murphy, Michael & Mary O'Sullivan

"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

In this gospel, Jesus calls us to radically generous forgiveness, a magnitude of forgiveness far above Peter's guess at what generous forgiveness should be. Again, God's logic is not ours; this is not a transaction that makes sense on human terms. This is one more way that we are called to imitate God, whose mercy is boundless and to whom we owe much more than we are owed. Imitating God in forgiveness is about making us bigger; it expands our hearts so that we may participate more fully in God's life and triumph and joy. But as we saw last week, this call to generous forgiveness doesn't mean we can't have boundaries. While most of us can stand to be more forgiving, God does not will for us to put up with true abuse. Forgiveness in such cases does not mean returning to an abuser with a blank slate and allowing the abuse to happen all over again; it might instead mean coming to a place of understanding even if the relationship cannot be restored.

## 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.

## 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**  
51 Nether Street, North Finchley, London N12 7NN. Tel: **0208 446 0224** email: **finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk**

**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.

### Loreto College

Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3RQ

#### OPEN EVENING (SECONDARY TRANSFER 2024)

The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2024 will take place on **TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2023** from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road.

Guided tours will be organised from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Mrs Lucy Thompson, Headteacher, will address parents at 4.45pm, 5.45pm, and 6.45pm.

More information can be found in the church porch or on our website [parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

### The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7 (First Form pupils)

These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school.

Thursday 14th September 2023 & Tuesday 19th September 2023. The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm.

Full details are available on our website <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>

### First Holy Communion Preparation for children in Year 3 and above

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 are available in the porch and on our website.

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

### Finchley Catholic High School vacancies

For a full-time Chaplain-closing date Friday 22nd September

For a Cover Supervisor-closing date Friday 22nd September

The school is highly regarded and heavily oversubscribed.

Full job spec can be found in the church porch and on our website under the news section [parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

### Finchley 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!



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For online donations

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

