

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 24th September 2023

First reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

Psalm:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second reading:

Philippians 1:20–24, 27

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1–16



MASS TIMES & MASS  
INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 23rd SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 23rd September-St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**  
6pm Georgie Byrne (RIP)

**Sunday 24th September**  
9:30am Hanna O'Gorman (INT)  
11:30am Thomas Griffin (RIP)

**Monday 25th September**  
9.30am Mary Foote  
Michael & Mary O'Sullivan (RIP)

**Tuesday 26th September**  
11am REQUIEM JOHN CAME RIP

**Wednesday 27th September-St Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
9.30am Nell Corley (RIP)

**Thursday 28th September**  
NO MASS TODAY

**Friday 29th September-ST MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL,**  
Archangels  
NO MASS TODAY

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

Bob Smith, Cassie 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:**  
Michael & Mary O'Sullivan

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last"  
A common reaction to this gospel is to feel affronted: it really does seem unfair that all the laborers receive the same wage for unequal amounts of work. But Jesus is once again telling us that God's logic does not follow ours. Our sense of justice is too small. God's generosity is always bigger than what we had envisioned, and then is bigger again still. Part of the problem is that most of us identify with the early laborers in the story. We believe we have put in the work and really deserve good things God gives us and will give us. But none of us really deserves the gifts of God; they are not something that *can* be earned but are by their nature free and gracious gifts. And God promises us the free and undeserved generosity that the latecomers receive in this parable.

## JOHN CAME RIP

John Came for many years was a very active member of our parish, most of you will remember him alongside his wife Margaret running the repository.

**Requiem mass - Tuesday 26th September at 11am**  
**Burial - Hendon Cemetery at approximately 12.30pm.**

## 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

### Finchley Catholic High School vacancy

Are seeking an Assistant Catering Manager to play a crucial role in preparing and providing a high quality food and drink service to the school and to deputise in the Catering Manager's absence.  
More information can be found in the church porch and on our website [parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

**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.

Winter is approaching, and the Social Committee are organising some events to brighten up your days.

### KEEP THE DATES:

- HOME-MADE CAKE SALE Sunday 8th October
- QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 18th November
- MUSICAL EVENING December - date to be confirmed

### 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.

### 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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Parish QR code  
For online donations

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