

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 1st October 2023

First reading Ezekiel 18:25–28
Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.
Second reading: Philippians 2:1–11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28–32



MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 30th SEPTEMBER

Saturday 30th September-St Jerome, Priest & Doctor
6pm Sean Carey (RIP)
Catherine Dillon (RIP)

Sunday 1st October
9:30am Leslie De Souza (RIP)
11:30am Bartley O'Malley (RIP)

Monday 2nd October-The Holy Guardian Angels
9.30am Bob Smith (INT)

Tuesday 3rd October
9.30am Cassie Sheridan (INT)

Wednesday 4th October-St Francis of Assisi
9.30am Vivien Saracani (INT)

Thursday 5th October
9.30am Joan Geraerts (INT)

Friday 6th October
9.30am John Came (RIP)

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
Kevin Kerr

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

Leslie De Souza, Bartley O'Malley

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal

Imagine if our homes were flooded, and our families were getting sick. This Harvest, we're learning about Dr Nasha's amazing mobile medical clinic, and how she got life-saving help to where it was most needed after the Pakistan floods. The support of our parish at masses this week will ensure families and communities can continue to get expert help during times of desperation. Your donations will enable people like Dr Nasha to provide life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast. When her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today to help families across the world. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

Gospel reflection for Sunday 1 October: Matthew 21:28-32

In today's gospel, we heard the story of two sons. One says he will help his father, but doesn't. The other refuses at first, but then goes and does what he is asked. We are called to consider which child of God we are. Are we the one who says the right thing, who is full of good intentions, but somehow doesn't quite manage to follow through? Or are we the one who might make a mistake, but ultimately does what we know to be right? Let's think today about how we can put our faith into action, not simply paying lip service to the Lord, but answering his call to serve him and to love our neighbours – people like Meera – as ourselves.

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.

HOME MADE SALE – Sunday 8th October

We'll be outside the church, selling home made cakes, biscuits, preserves and other items. If you are able to contribute to the cake stall, we would be very grateful. All funds raised will be donated to the disaster fund for Libya and Yemen.

KEEP THE DATE

QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 18th November

MUSICAL EVENING – December – date to be confirmed

KEVIN KERR RIP

Requiem mass – Friday 13th October at 12pm
Burial – Hendon Cemetery at approximately 1.30pm.

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.

More information can be found in the church porch and on our website under the news section

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St Michael's Catholic Grammar School vacancy

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Modern Foreign Languages Assistant, specialising in Italian.

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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!

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.

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.



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For online donations

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

