

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 8th October 2023

**First reading**                      **Isaiah 5:1–7**  
**Psalm:**                              **The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**  
**Second reading:**                **Philippians 4:6–9**  
**Gospel:**                              **Matthew 21:33–43**



MASS TIMES & MASS  
INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 7TH OCTOBER

**Saturday 7th October-Our Lady of the Rosary**  
**6pm-Kit & PJ Frawley (RIP)**

**Sunday 8th October**  
**9:30am-John Came (RIP)**  
**11:30am-Katalin Kontur (RIP)**

**Monday 9th October-ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest**  
**9.30am-Sean Carey (RIP)**

**Tuesday 10th October**  
**9.30am-John Came (RIP)**

**Wednesday 11th October**  
**9.30am-Barry Johnson (INT)**

**Thursday 12th October**  
**9.30am-John Came (RIP)**

**Friday 13th October-ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,**  
**Patron of the Diocese**

**12pm REQUIEM MASS KEVIN KERR**

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

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

**All the recently departed and their loved ones**  
Bridget Corcoran, Kevin Kerr

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

## 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](http://cafod.org.uk)

## Gospel reflection for Sunday 8 October: Matthew 21:33-43

The tenants in today's gospel reading claim the vineyard and its harvest as their own. They will not hear otherwise from anyone – not the landowner's servants or even his son. We are all tenants – here on earth a short while, taking care of God's wonderful gift of creation. Who are the messengers that we do not want to hear? Those who tell us about the climate emergency? Our sisters and brothers around the world who are already facing the effects of flooding? Let's think today about how we can produce the fruit of God's kingdom – caring for our world and all those who share it with us

## 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](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)**

**Safeguarding** - Claudia Clayman - Email: **[finchleynorthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Bishop Douglass** is excited to invite parents and students to our Curriculum Showcase Event on Thursday 12th October 2023, 4:15-5:45pm. Come and experience a flavour of Bishop Douglass. There is still plenty of time to sign up. Places can be registered through the school website.

### HOME MADE SALE - Sunday 8th October

We'll be outside the church.

### KEEP THE DATE

QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 18th November

MUSICAL EVENING - December - date to be confirmed

### Thursday Lunch Social- 12th October 1pm-3pm

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 have a go at a fun quiz. We look forward to seeing you.

**The Faith Sharing autumn session** will start towards the end of October. There are two groups: one on a Sunday night with Chris Wood, the other on Tuesday night with Siobán Thomas in each of their homes. Both run for 5 sessions in the evening for up to an hour and a half. They follow the booklet provided by the Diocese. There is a focus this autumn on the four principal documents of the Second Vatican Council known as 'The Constitutions'. Each week will contain a reflection on Sacred Scripture, on the Constitutions and on our own experience of being a Catholic today.

Many parishioners have enjoyed these sessions during autumn and Lent in previous years. We reflect on and share aspects of our faith in a friendly group setting. No special knowledge or prior experience is required. If you would like to join us, please contact Chris on 020 8368 3536 or Siobán on 07586 254552. Booklets will be available in the repository.

### 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 deadline is Sunday 5th November 2023. Introductory email to be sent on 11th November 2023 and the first session will begin on 18th November 2023." Here's the QR code for the application form or you can find the link on our website under Sacramental Preparations."

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023-24



## QR CODE

Parish QR code  
For online donations

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

