

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 15th October 2023

First reading Isaiah 25:6–10
Psalm: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
 for ever and ever.
Second reading: Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14



MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 14TH OCTOBER

Saturday 14th October
6pm–John Came (RIP)

Sunday 15th October
9:30am–John Came (RIP)
11:30am–Justin Krzyszton (INT)

Monday 16th October
9.30am–John Came (RIP)

Tuesday 17th October–St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
9.30am–Brendan Prendiville (RIP)

Wednesday 18th October–ST LUKE, Evangelist
9.30am–Joe & Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

Thursday 19th October
9.30am–Sean Carey (RIP)

Friday 20th October
9.30am–Kevin Kerr (RIP)

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

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

Like Matthew's community, as a church we are also servants sent out to invite others to the wedding feast, to proclaim that God's door is always open and welcoming. Our mission is not to judge, but to carry the message to our streets and workplaces, and suffer unconcern, ridicule, and sometimes even persecution for the sake of the King and his Son. But we are also the invited guests. Do we reject the invitation because of priorities that disregard the Gospel: addiction to personal success, selfishness, materialism, fear of judgment of others rather than mercy for them? At the feast of the Eucharist, do we just show up, not caring much about the guests around us, not caring if we are clothed in love for God and our sisters and brothers, just partaking of the bread and wine but not offering ourselves to others, both present and absent, as broken bread and drained wine for their nourishment? And does all this make our baptismal clothing tattered and grubby, unfit for the holy feast?

Funeral of Bridget Corcoran

Remains will be received into the church on
Thursday 26th October at 6.30pm
Requiem mass 27th October at 10am

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neill

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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.

Massive THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Home-made sale by donating and purchasing lots of goodies. You are all so generous, and we raised **£517** for CAFOD.

Keep the date:

Quiz night – Saturday 18th November
Musical evening – Friday 8th December

Sacred Heart Catholic primary school are holding their open mornings for parents of children due to start reception in September 2024. These will be held on Wednesday 1st November and Friday 1st December. Both mornings will begin with an introduction from the Head teacher, Geraldine Porter followed by small group tours of the school led by members of the Senior Leadership team.

We would also like to invite you to our Jingle Mingle event organised by our Parents Association on Saturday 2nd December from 12 – 4pm at the school. Entry is £3 per adult and children go free. We hope it will be an opportunity to see our wonderful school community.

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. Forms must be received by Sunday 5th November.

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-

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For online donations**

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

