

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 29th October 2023

**First reading** Exodus 22:20–26  
**Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength.  
**Second reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5–10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34–40



MASS TIMES & MASS  
INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 28TH OCTOBER

**Saturday 28th October-SS SIMON and JUDE, Apostles**  
6pm Henry Sheils (RIP)

**Sunday 29th October**  
9:30am Alex Daly (RIP)  
11:30am John Came (RIP)

**Monday 30th October**  
9.30am Joe Carr (RIP)

**Tuesday 31st October**  
9.30am Bernadette McGann (INT)

**Wednesday 1st November-ALL SAINTS**  
9.30am Sheila & Jack Jackson (RIP)  
7pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Thursday 2nd November-THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE  
FAITHFULLY DEPARTED**  
9.30am ALL SOULS

**Friday 3rd November**  
10am-REQUIEM MASS MARIA GAZZI (RIP)

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

Adriano Grazioli, Noreen Ellison, Bob Smith, Bernadette McGann,  
Janet Crawley, Gabriel Hadid, Brendan O'Brien, Robert Rowe

**All the recently departed and their loved ones**  
Liz Hughes, Maria Gazzi

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

Henry Sheils, Alex Daly, Sheila & Jack Jackson

"This is the greatest and the first commandment."  
The Pharisees attempt to entrap Jesus with a trick question: Naming one commandment as the greatest would devalue the others by comparison, making it sound as if he does not value God's word in its fullness. Instead, Jesus shows that he understands God's word far more deeply than those who are tied to reading the law literally. He names not one of the ten commandments but one that comes after them in Deuteronomy. He reveals that fulfilling the law is not about servile deference to what is written, but about love. If our hearts are formed in love, the other commandments will follow, flowing forth from our inner being instead of needing to be forced as outer actions. The second commandment, too, can be named as secondary because it also flows from love of God. If we truly love God, so will we love our neighbour.

**Sr Ann Ugoh (DDL) will be at all masses this weekend to make an appeal on behalf of the missionary Sisters of England and Wales.**

## NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES

The month of November is a time when the Church remembers to pray particularly for the souls of our Faithful Departed. We will be remembering the souls of all the dead at masses throughout November.

Envelopes are available from the exits of the church. Please put the list of names you wish to have prayed for together with your donation and return the envelopes to the presbytery or in the offertory baskets in the church.

On Saturday evening, November 11th, the 6.00 pm mass will be offered for those who have died in this parish over the past year.

## 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.

### St Alban's Thursday Club

Thursday, 9 November 1.00pm to 3.00pm

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. All for the price of £2.00pp.

**Book your place for our Christmas Party** on Thursday 14 December 2023, 1.00 pm- 3.00pm. To get in the spirit Barnet U3A Ukulele Band will play all your favourite tunes. We'll have a festive sandwich lunch, a raffle and Christmas presents to take home. All welcome. Tickets £5pp from the Thursday Club or Mo Colmans tel: 020 8446 4029.

### 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 Wednesdays at 7.30pm 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.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic primary school Bow Lane, Finchley.

We are pleased to let you know about the recent OFSTED and Diocesan inspections of our local catholic primary school which many of our parish children attend. The school was rated as GOOD by both inspections. OFSTED stated that: 'Leaders have designed a curriculum that is broad and ambitious'; 'Pupils are enthusiastic about coming to school. They work hard and typically learn well, which can be seen in the quality of work'; 'Physical health is a priority' and 'Parents and carers are effusive in their praise.' The Diocesan Inspectors noted: the pupils' deep understanding of their mission statement and how it brings them closer to God; the high levels of pastoral care in a nurturing environment; the respect and kindness of pupils and the variety of ways they support those in need. The full reports are available on the school website: Our Lady of Lourdes School Barnet - Home ([ololbarnetschool.org.uk](http://ololbarnetschool.org.uk))

The school is having their open day on **Wednesday 22nd November at 9.30/1.30 and 7pm** for prospective parents for Reception in September 2024. No need to book in advance, just turn up.

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

First Holy Communion Course will begin in November 2023. 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023-24



### QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 18th November. £15 for a fun evening with Pauline as our quiz master, fish and chip supper, cash bar and raffle. Book a table for 8 or 6, or buy individual tickets - contact Colette Landucci (020 8445 5397) or email [socialcommitteesap@hotmail.com](mailto:socialcommitteesap@hotmail.com) Please let us know about any dietary requirements in advance.



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For online donations

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

