

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 5th November 2023

First reading

Malachi 1:14–2:2, 8–10

Psalm:

Keep my soul in peace before you,  
O Lord.

Second reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:7–9, 13

Gospel:

Matthew 23:1–12

PARISH MASS BOOK: PREFACE 7, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3



MASS TIMES & MASS  
INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 4TH NOVEMBER

**Saturday 4th November-St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**  
6pm-Gabriela O'Toole (INT)

**Sunday 5th November**

9:30am-Mary Rose Smith (RIP)

11:30am-Justine Olivier & Alexandre Chesse (RIP)

**Monday 6th November**

9.30am-Shanahan family (INT)

**Tuesday 7th November**

9.30am-John & Catherine Heneaghan (RIP)

**Wednesday 8th November**

9.30am-Virginie Samuel (RIP)

**Thursday 9th November-THE DEDICATION OF THE LANTERAN BASILICA**  
9.30am-Krystyna Griffiths (RIP)

**Friday 10th November-St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor**

9.30am-private intentions

**Please remember in your prayers**

**All the sick**

Mary Kerr, Baby Sophia, Adam Bogusz, Adriano Grazioli, Noreen Ellisdon,  
Bob Smith, Bernadette McGann,  
Janet Crawley, Gabriel Hadid, Brendan O'Brien, Robert Rowe

**All the recently departed and their loved ones**

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

Richard Evans, Mary Rose Smith

## Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection

Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. The number of our priests over the age of 65 is steadily increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. Whilst we work with the NHS and local authorities to ensure funding gaps are met, we still rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year.

Therefore, I would like to ask for your help once again as we draw close to this year's annual appeal for our Sick & Retired Priests.

The priests in our Diocese, although retired, continue to serve long into their late seventies and eighties. They continue to work in our parishes and schools, visit our sick or elderly in hospices, and hospitals, and make themselves available, at our time of crisis and need. We continue to depend on them, in times of grief and sorrow, but also at times of joy, such as baptisms and weddings. They, however, are also dependent on us, and our generosity, for their care, and for essentials like housing, rent or any health needs.

By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, next week, you can ensure these needs are met. If you can, please take a donation envelope, and return it next weekend. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, either on the envelopes or posters at the back of the church and give online.

## 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.

### Community of Faith Hong Kong Sunday 12 November 12:30

All are welcome to join the Cantonese speaking faith and life sharing gathering

香港教友信仰小團體

11月12日星期日12:30

歡迎大家參加此廣東話信仰及生活分享聚會

## 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.

## 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.

### 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



### Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

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.



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Parish QR code  
For online donations

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

