

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 19th November 2023

First reading

Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

Psalm:

0 blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1–6

Gospel:

Matthew 25:14–30

PARISH MASS BOOK: PREFACE 7, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER VN 3



MASS TIMES & MASS  
INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 18TH NOVEMBER

**Saturday 18th November**

6pm Joe & Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

**Sunday 19th November**

9:30am John Came (RIP)

11:30am Kevin Kerr (RIP)

Denis Leenane (RIP)

**Monday 20th November**

10am REQUIEM MARY MCNAMARA

**Tuesday 21st November-The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.30am Bridget Corcoran (RIP)

**Wednesday 22nd November-St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

9.30am Adam Bogusz (INT)

**Thursday 23rd November**

9.30am ALL SOULS

**Friday 24th November-St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs**

9.30am Margaret Bell (RIP)

**Please remember in your prayers**

**All the sick**

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**

Mary Kerr, James Murphy, Mary McNamara, Jill Kudlacek

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

Denis Leenane, Margaret Bell

The gospel introduces an important concept for our life of faith: faithfulness in small matters is how we practice our readiness to be faithful in greater ways. As athletes train through consistent training, we grow in virtue through the discipline of consistent practice whenever the opportunity arises. Small moral choices might seem not to matter, but they do; they are an opportunity to develop our holiness muscles. While the servants deal with their master's money for a limited time, we are responsible for our gifts for the entirety of our lives. This can be an overwhelming proposition, but there is reassurance here: practicing trustworthiness in small ways prepares us for the great joy that God promises. In all the ordinary ways we act with compassion and justice and integrity, we are practicing and preparing for nothing less than heaven.

## Gluten free communion hosts

We have coeliac Hosts in this church which are gluten free. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with gluten free hosts please let Fr Dermot know before which ever mass you will be attending.

## 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.

### CHRISTMAS TREAT APPEAL

As in previous years, there will be a collection box in the porch for donations of small gifts for the sick who are housebound in our parish from 12th November. Gift ideas - biscuits, chocolates, toiletries, Xmas goodies and other small items. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a gift from the parish please contact the parish office by email [finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk) Thank you in advance for you for your generosity.

### 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.

### Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukraine people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have a room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information

### Christmas Concert

The parish is holding a concert in the church on Friday 8th December at 7.30pm in aid of CAFOD disaster fund. A collection will be held and refreshments served during the intermission.

### Music rehearsal

Music for the Mass during Advent rehearsal is on Friday 24th November at 7pm in the Church.

Rehearsal for children for our social Christmas sing-a-long is on Saturday 2nd December at 4pm in the Church.

### 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 every Wednesday evening 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

### St Michael's Catholic High School vacancy

The Governors are looking to appoint a Temporary Part-time Librarian & Reprographics Officer. Full details can be found in the church porch and on our website: [parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)



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For online donations

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

