

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 10th December 2023

First reading Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11
Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
 and give us your saving help.
Second reading: 2 Peter 3:8–14
Gospel: Mark 1:1–8

PARISH MASS BOOK: PREFACE ADVENT 2, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER RECONCILIATION 2



**MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 9TH DECEMBER**

Saturday 9th December
6pm Jill Kudlacek (RIP)

Sunday 10th December
9:30am John Hogan (RIP)
11:30am Joao & Efigenia Viegas (RIP)

Monday 11th December
10.30am REQUIEM LAURA ARCHER

Tuesday 12th December
9.30am Nelius Morley (RIP)

Wednesday 13th December-St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
9.30am Gerry Denny (RIP)

Thursday 14th December-St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor
9.30am Maura Farina (INT)

Friday 15th December
9.30am Michael Canilang (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
Bridgid Ablett, Seamus Dolan, Laura Archer, James Murphy

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

Michael Canilang, John Hogan

Mark's Gospel does not give us John's background, and neither does it tell us much about those affected by his ministry. It would be nice to know some individual stories, how the real people who made up his audience were changed by him. In ministry we very often don't get to know these stories. We are rarely thanked. We scatter seeds in hopes something will take root. This reminds us that, like John, we are not the primary workers here; God is. We clear ways and create conditions in which God can work, but God is the real agent and actor here.

Christmas collection

The Christmas & Easter collections make up the priest's annual income. Envelopes are available around the church for you to make your offering.

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**
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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 Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Christmas tree

Our Christmas tree will be erected in the sanctuary by the 3rd Sunday of Advent. As usual it will be decorated with cards bearing the names of your loved ones who have died. The cards will be in Our Lady's side chapel from this weekend. Please feel free to fill in the names you want on the tree. Remember, you can write several names on a card. The cards will be attached to the tree when it is in place.

REPOSITORY

The repository is open after Saturday mass in December & both Sunday masses. They have a wonderful selection of gifts for Christmas, Christmas cards, Christmas cribs and a few advent calendars still available.

Loreto College

The Governors of Loreto College (St Albans) have recently agreed to propose some changes to their admissions criteria for 2025/2026. The full detail is available on the website.

<https://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk/Admissions/Admissions-Consultation-2025/>

Written comments are welcomed by the closing date of the formal consultation, 9am on 31st January 2024 - these should be emailed to swilliams@loreto.herts.sch.uk

Thursday Club Christmas Party 14 December 2023 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

All are welcome to our annual Christmas Party. 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 Mo Colmans tel: 020 8446 4029.

FINCHLEY FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support of Finchley Foodbank. The cost of living crisis means fewer donations and more demand, so we're really grateful for your generosity - the foodbank supports 500-600 people every week with 3 days' worth of food & toiletries. We ask for dried or tinned items that are in-date - there's a list in the porch if you need inspiration!



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Parish QR code
For online donations

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

