

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 18th February 2024

First reading

Genesis 9:8–15

Psalm:

**Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.**

Second reading:

1 Peter 3:18–22

Gospel:

Mark 1:12–15

Preface 1st Sunday in Lent and Eucharistic Prayer: 1



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 17TH FEBRUARY

Saturday 17th February

6pm Tiffany Fernandes (INT)

Sunday 18th February

9:30am Margaret Came (INT)

11:30am Joe & Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

Monday 19th February

9.30am Jack McKeon (RIP)

Tuesday 20th February

9.30am Marion Guscott (RIP)

Wednesday 21st February

9.30am Peter Leopold (RIP)

Thursday 22nd February - THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

9.30am Leslie Victor Patterson (RIP)

Friday 23rd February

9.30am Sabina Hyland (RIP)

Please remember in your prayers

All the sick

Tom O'Connor, Anne Dooley, Loraine Baxter, Leroy Condor, Sarojini Rman,
Giridharan Raman, Murdoch McGuire, Julia Forsyth,
Adam Bogusz, Adriano Grazioli, Noreen Ellisdon, Bob Smith,
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:

Jack McKeon

"Towards October, 2024"

For the first time in the history of Christianity, a Pope is really seeking the views of the laity on how the Catholic Church should move forward. Please do join in this consultation.

In October, 2021 Pope Francis called for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission 2021 – 2024 and Westminster Diocese launched the Westminster Synodal Pathway. In November, 2021 St Alban's held our own Parish Synod with upwards of 60 parishioners taking part in a series of listening and commenting exercises. Parish Synthesis reports, including ours, were submitted to the Westminster Diocesan Gathering in early 2022 and so to the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October, 2023. See www.synod.va/en.html for a great deal of background information and the Bishops Synthesis Report titled "A Synodal Church in Mission" and also www.rcdow.org.uk/synod for diocesan information.

"Towards October, 2024" continues the Synodal Pathway in preparation for the Second Session of the Synod of Bishops in October, 2024 and again as laity we are invited to take part. Using information provided by the Diocese there is a document "Share your thoughts" with context and 4 questions on the Parish website. If for any reason you missed the chance to participate the first time, please contribute your views now so we are really responding to the Pope's wonderful invitation. Please respond to the 4 questions by 29th February which can be found on the homepage of our parish website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth

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

Donations & Gift Aid - Claire Catney - Email: finchleynorthgac@rcdow.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 BARNABAS FOODBANK: Accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30am & 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.

RITE OF ELECTION AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On Saturday afternoon Cardinal Vincent and his Auxiliary Bishops celebrated this Rite with the Deans of the Diocese to prepare and accept all the Catechumens and Candidates who are to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Please pray for the 3 adults and 5 children of Catechetical Age (whose ages range from 10 to 7) who will be Baptised in our parish at Easter.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024.

If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the office finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

Come and join us for an ITALIAN EVENING of fine food and wine on Saturday 2nd March 2024 . £25 for a three course meal, and a welcome drink, cash bar and raffle. Filippo and Maria are our chefs for the night. Menu: Starter: pasta with tomato sauce. Main: chicken escalope with roast potatoes/veg. Desert: Tiramisu. If you have any allergies or dietary restrictions, let us know at time of booking. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Book a table for 6 or 8 or buy individual tickets. Contact Claudia (07443042714 or email socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCIES

The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic teacher of Physical Education and a Senior Finance Administrator to assist Full information for both posts can be found in the church porch or on our website parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth



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For online donations

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