

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

# ST ALBAN

## PARISH NEWSLETTER - 25th February 2024

**First reading**                      **Genesis 22:1–2, 9–13, 15–18**  
**Psalm:**                              **I will walk in the presence of the Lord**  
   **in the land of the living.**  
**Second reading:**                **Romans 8:31–34**  
**Gospel:**                              **Mark 9:2–10**

## Preface 2nd Sunday in Lent and Eucharistic Prayer: 1



### MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 24TH FEBRUARY

**Saturday 24th February**  
**6pm** Family of the late Sean Carey (INT)

**Sunday 25th February**  
**9:30am** Bridget Christina O'Donovan  
**11:30am** Philios & Maroulla Kasmiris (RIP)

**Monday 26th February**  
**9.30am** Seamus Dolan (RIP)

**Tuesday 27th February**  
**9.30am** Michael Maguire (RIP)

**Wednesday 28th February**  
**9.30am** Jane Forrest (INT)

**Thursday 29th February**  
**9.30am** Thomas & Frances Leech (RIP)

**Friday 1st March-ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales**  
**9.30am** People of the parish

### **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:**  
Philios & Maroulla Kasmiris, Thomas & Frances Leech

### "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](http://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](http://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](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Parish Website** - Visit our website for all weekly updates at [parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

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**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.

### 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](mailto: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).

**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](mailto:socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com)

### 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](http://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](http://cafod.org.uk)

### 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.

### 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](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)



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