

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 17th March 2024

First reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Psalm:

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second reading:

Hebrews 5:7–9

Gospel:

John 12:20–30

Preface: 2 of Lent and Eucharistic Prayer of reconciliation 1



**MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 16TH MARCH**

Saturday 16th March
6pm Elena Novelli (RIP)

Sunday 17th March
9:30am Anna Pelegrina Lobo (RIP)
Kathleen McHugh (RIP)
11:30am Bridget Corcoran (RIP)

Monday 18th March
9.30am Joe & Joyce Mendonca (RIP)

**Tuesday 19th March-SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Patron of the Diocese**
9.30am Mrs Adair (INT)

Wednesday 20th March
9.30am Marion Abbott (RIP)

Thursday 21st March
9.30am Teresa Morrissey

Friday 22nd March
9.30am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Please remember in your prayers
All the sick

Adriano Grazioli, Bob Smith, Robert Rowe,
Murdoch McGuire, Anne Dooley, Tom O'Connor

All the recently departed and their loved ones
Leroy Condor

and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:
Kathleen McHugh, Elena Novelli

Jesus speaks in paradox here, reminding us that God is in the business of transcending boundaries and surpassing our expectations. He also reminds us that he is in the midst of transforming death. No more will it be a final end for humans. After Jesus completes the work of the crucifixion and resurrection, death is rather a moment of transition. It is a part of life rather than its end. Jesus himself is also a paradox here. He is, of course, troubled by the thought of dying. All humans are; it is not the fate for which God made us. But he accepts his impending death as the purpose for which he came to earth, and in his calm acknowledgment of this shows himself as something more than human as well. He is both fully human and fully divine.

Palm Sunday; please bring your own palms or branches to mass next Sunday for the traditional blessing of palms at the start of each mass. No palms will be provided. People coming to mass with branches on this day will be a great witness to the local community of our devotion going into Holy Week. It also displays care for our environment, by not importing palm branches from abroad.

Easter Offerings

The collection at Easter, along with Christmas, makes up the bulk of the salary of the priest(s) of the parish. If you wish to make an offering there are envelopes provided in the church for this purpose. No part of the regular standing orders go towards this collection.

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.

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) by the **15th April**

Repository

In the Repository now are some lovely cards and gifts please visit and support our church:
St Patrick's Day cards and gifts.
Easter cards and gifts
Confirmation cards and gifts

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School vacancies

The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-qualified Teacher of Spanish & French for this temporary contract. Also the Governors are seeking to appoint a Head of Geography to lead the teaching of Geography from year 7 to year 13. Full details can be found in the church porch and our website:
parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent we shall be celebrating the ancient and traditional ceremonies of the Scrutinies with our adults who are receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil (at 9.30 on 3rd, at 11.30 on 10th and 6 on 16th).

Please pray for Tiina, Yannas and Sreejith as they approach the Easter Sacraments.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who came to our Italian Evening. We had a wonderful meal prepared by Phillip and Maria. Thank you so much.
It was a very successful event and raised £1,172.00 for the charity of Caritas Bhakita House, which is a safe house for women who have been trafficked, enslaved and exploited.

Thank you all for your generosity

RECEPTION AFTER EASTER VIGIL

We will be holding a Reception after Mass to welcome the new Catholics to our church family. As usual it is a 'bring and share' event, and we invite you to contribute some nibbles, finger food or sweet treats to share. If possible, please leave food offerings in the hall before Mass begins. Thank you.



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