

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ST ALBAN



## PARISH NEWSLETTER - 10th March 2024

**First reading** 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23  
**Psalm:** O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not!  
**Second reading:** Ephesians 2:4–10  
**Gospel:** John 3:14–21

## Preface: 4 of Lent and Eucharistic Prayer of reconciliation 1

### MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 9TH MARCH

#### Saturday 9th March

**6pm** Alex Daly (RIP)  
P.J. Frawley (RIP)

#### Sunday 10th March

**9:30am** Robyn Ong (RIP)  
**11:30am** Giuseppe Scala (RIP)  
Nora O'Malley (RIP)

#### Monday 11th March

**9.30am** Roy Howard (RIP)

#### Tuesday 12th March

**9.30am** Edward McEntee (RIP)

#### Wednesday 13th March

**9.30am** Milan Yee (RIP)

#### Thursday 14th March

**NO MASS TODAY**

#### Friday 15th March

**9.30am** Deceased Petitt family members  
Anne & Stanislaw Lisaj (RIP)

#### 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:

Nora O'Malley, Roy Howard, Milan Yee, Alex Daly, Elena Novelli, PJ Frawley

The theme of light dominates John's Gospel; the all-exposing Illumination that comes from God, driving away the darkness evil cloaks itself in. Maybe Nicodemus came stealthily for fear of being recognised by the people who were supposed to look up to him as a leader of the Jewish people. At any event, his coming in this way suits John's purpose admirably, contrasting the evil person whose deeds are 'darkness' with the one who lives in the light of truth. Through Jesus' teaching Nicodemus is being led from intellectual darkness into that light.

### Towards October, 2024:

The summary of responses received from our parishioners towards the Synodal process is on our website this weekend. It makes for interesting reading as it is the considered response from several parishioners towards questions proposed about a way forward for the Church in the modern world. These opinions form our contribution to the diocese of Westminster's overall response to the next stage of this world wide process. It also provides a platform for our own parish in its mission here in North Finchley. Please take time to read it and share your thoughts via email [finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk)  
If you would like to engage with the model here in our parish, please get in touch with Fr. Dermot.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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) by the **15th April**

### St Alban's Thursday Club Thursday, 14 March 2024 1.00pm-3.00pm

We welcome all to our monthly social gathering. We will have an early celebration for St Patrick's Day which is on Sunday, 17 March. Come for some Irish treats and a chat over a bowl of soup with soda bread. Lynda will lead the Tai Chi. All for the price of £2.00pp.

### St Michael's Catholic Grammar School vacancy

The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-qualified Teacher of Spanish & French for this temporary contract Full details can be found in the church porch and our website:

[parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://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 for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal.

Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

### 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

香港教友信仰小團體  
Community of Faith Hong Kong

3月10日星期日 10 March Sunday 12:30

誠邀大家齊來參加廣東話信仰及生活分享聚會  
You are sincerely invited to join our  
Cantonese-speaking faith and life-sharing gathering

活動查詢 Enquiries : [stalbanhkers@gmail.com](mailto:stalbanhkers@gmail.com)



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For online donations

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