

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ST ALBAN

## PARISH NEWSLETTER - 3rd March 2024

First reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm:

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel:

John 2:13-25

**Preface: 3 Lent and Eucharistic Prayer: 1 for reconciliation**



### MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 2ND MARCH

**Saturday 2nd March**  
6pm Bridget Corcoran (RIP)

**Sunday 3rd March**  
9:30am Yvette Amborghi (RIP)  
11:30am May Liu (RIP)

**Monday 4th March**  
9.30am Peg Dougan (RIP)

**Tuesday 5th March**  
9.30am Tina (RIP)

**Wednesday 6th March**  
9.30am Elena Novelli (RIP)

**Thursday 7th March**  
9.30am Mary Whelan

**Friday 8th March**  
9.30am Ollie Molloy (RIP)

**Please remember in your prayers**  
**All the sick**  
Leroy Condor,  
Adriano Grazioli, Bob Smith,

**All the recently departed and their loved ones**

**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:**  
Alex Daly, Elena Novelli, PJ Frawley

"This week you will be able to view the end of year accounts for our parish. They are published on our website, and a hard copy can be viewed in the church porch. It shows a welcome surplus from previous years. This is due to our parishioners responding generously to our 'planned giving' appeal in summer 2022, and sustaining that generosity since then. It has also helped that our regular numbers attending this church have increased considerably over the last 18 months. This is a testimony to a vibrant faithful and welcoming faith community. It is important that our finances are in a healthy state. Like all households, rising costs affect all of us. You may notice how our gas and electricity bill last year was more than double the previous year's for example. Like all of you, we need also to save for capital projects that need doing and for the inevitable unexpected emergency.

It is evident also that the 'tax refunds' we receive from 'Gift Aid' is significant (£16k). However, we know this can be increased significantly if everybody who donates to our parish and qualifies to gift aid their offerings, did so. This is at no extra cost to the donor, an extra 25p in every pound could be claimed by the parish. If you think you can Gift Aid your offering please contact the parish office. For those who are currently Gift Aiding, please let us know if your circumstances have changed since you started, such that you no longer pay tax on your income or savings. The parish can no longer claim tax refunds if you are no longer paying tax.

Ultimately though, the parish is about proclaiming the Glory of God. To that end, all the regular work of catechesis and teaching goes on; as does the work of prayer and visiting the sick and housebound, (Eucharistic Ministers) consoling the bereaved (Bethany Group) enlivening the liturgy (Music and lector ministries) Social gatherings (social committee) and faith sharing and welcoming. This weekend we begin our outreach to the homeless in Barnet with our Sunday night shelter. A huge response of over 40 volunteers will assist over the next two months to offer food, shelter and befriending to people in need of support. All of this, and more, speaks of a faith community alive and active. As we progress towards Easter, may the Risen Lord shower us with his Love and support.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Priest** - Rev Dermot O'Neill

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**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](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.

### 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.

### 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

Sunday refreshments after 9.30 Mass started about 2 years ago, and are proving very popular. It's a great way to catch up with friends and make new ones. Thank you for your generous donations which we have donated on this occasion to The Finchley Food Bank **£178.99**

### 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



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