

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**ST ALBAN**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER - 21st April 2024**

**First reading** Acts 4:8–12  
**Psalm:** The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
**Second reading:** 1 John 3:1–2  
**Gospel:** John 10:11–18



**MASS TIMES & MASS  
INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 20TH APRIL**

**Saturday 20th April**  
6pm Dorothy Rodrigues (RIP)

**Sunday 21st April**  
9:30am Silvano, Mary-Ann, Demi & Daniele Rebula (INT)  
11:30am May Liu (RIP)  
Wilfred & Ida Pereira (RIP)

**Monday 22nd April**  
9.30am Bridget Corcoran (RIP)

**Tuesday 23rd April-SAINT GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England**  
9.30am May Dardis (RIP)  
Anne & Stanislaw Lisaj (RIP)

**Wednesday 24th April-Saints Erkenwald and Mellitus**  
9.30am Mary Galbally & family (INT)

**Thursday 25th April-SAINT MARK, Evangelist**  
9.30am Liam Noonan (RIP)

**Friday 26th April**  
9.30am Mary Shanahan (RIP)

**Please remember in your prayers**  
**All the sick**

David Wright, Kevin Hogan, Adriano Grazioli, Bob Smith, Robert Rowe,  
Anne Dooley, Tom O'Connor, Mary Tanner, Susan McHale

**All the recently departed and their loved ones**  
Brendan O'Sullivan, Barbara Henegan

**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:**  
Dorothy Rodrigues, Mary Shanahan, May Dardis

The Gospel for today is a portion of the longer and very familiar discourse on the Good Shepherd. Most people reading this passage have had no experience with tending sheep, but it is important to keep in mind that this discourse is about relationship. The Jewish community would have been familiar with the images of the shepherd and the hired hand. The hired hand to whom Jesus refers is an individual (or individuals) who had no relationship with the sheep he is paid to tend. The shepherd, on the other hand, is the one who knows and tends to the sheep with tender care. When Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd," he is not only identifying himself as the one with whom he and his sheep have a mutual relationship. While using the familiar shepherd imagery of the Old Testament, Jesus expands the image of shepherd to include "other sheep that do not belong to this fold." Jesus will lay down his life for many, not for an elite few.

**RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of  
ADULTS**

At the 9.30 Mass on Sunday 28th April, one of the adult Catechumens who was unable to attend the Easter Vigil will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive her First Holy Communion. On that day, we will also be sharing our Faith with the other 'New Catholics' who were Baptised at Easter on that day by presenting them with the Creed. Please pray for Tiina, Yannas and Sreejith as they continue their Journey of Faith with us. 'We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!'

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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.

## Priest Training Fund

Priest Training Fund This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

## Helpers for the Thursday Club

The Thursday Club has been meeting for over 10 years with the same team organising activities and making older parishioners welcome in the Church Hall. Some helpers are to stand down and we are seeking new people to help. The club is held on the second Thursday of the month for two hours between 1.00-3.00pm. If you can help, please contact **Margaret on 07885708218**, **Mo on 07941855789** or email the parish office: [finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk)

## CHILDREN's LITURGY of the WORD

At the 9.30 Mass on Sunday 28th April we hope that our children will be able to witness the adult Baptism taking place in the church, which will be a wonderful experience for them, so we will not be holding Children's Liturgy in the hall on that Sunday.



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

