

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
**ST ALBAN**

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 8th December 2024

**First reading** Baruch 5:1–9  
**Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.  
**Second reading:** Philippians 1:4–6; 8–11  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:1–6



**PREFACE ADVENT 1 (PG 65) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION 2 (PG 40)**

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 7TH DECEMBER

**Saturday 7th December**

**Confessions 5.15 - 5.45pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
during confession time**

**6pm John Came (RIP)**

Thanks Giving for passing exams (INT)

**Sunday 8th December**

**9:30am** Helen Cook (INT), Robert Gate & family (INT)

**11:30am** Wilfred Pereira (RIP), May Liu (RIP)

**Monday 9th December**

**9.30am** Lucy Owens (RIP), Susie Owens (RIP)

**Tuesday 10th December**

**9.30am** Philomena McFadden (RIP)

**Wednesday 11th December**

**9.30am** Josh Rafter (INT)

**Thursday 12th December**

**9.30am** Delfina Paganini (RIP)

**Friday 13th December**

**10.30am REQUIEM CHARLES GERALD HOWARTH**

**Please remember in your prayers**

**All the sick**

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

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

Bridget Timlin, Philomena McFadden

**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at  
about this time:**

Lucy Owens, Susie Owens, Delfina Paganini

“The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness”

The first paragraph of this gospel might seem superfluous—all those names and places are nearly meaningless to us in our time and place. But they serve a purpose: they are locating John the Baptist (and soon Jesus) in a specific time and place. Jesus’s humanity is not half-baked. He enters into human history with all its political turmoil. He is born in a real place with real leaders and their ongoing, feeble attempts at peace. He lives amid all these goings-on as we do, and yet he will transcend them. Even as we wait for his final coming, he already is the true King whose power is weakness and who leads by humble service. It is in Jesus that we will find at last the peace for which humanity has always yearned.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOSPITAL

Parishioners may wish to consider having the sacrament of the sick before a planned admission to hospital. One need not be gravely ill to receive the sacrament, and it can be an aid to sustaining one spiritually before a medical procedure.

If you or somebody in your household is due to be admitted to hospital, feel free to ask your priest about the sacrament.

## 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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**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.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RITE OF WELCOME TO THE CATECHUMENATE

At the 9.30 Mass 15th December we will welcome the adults who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in our church at Easter. Please pray for Fion, Germaine, Janice, Edward, Benny, Richard, Henry, Shijo, Nicole and Silvana as they continue their journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation. There are also 10 children preparing for Baptism at Easter who range in age from 7 to 11.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

A relaxed festive evening - singing along to well-known Christmas carols and songs for all the family. Come and get into the Christmas spirit!

Saturday 20th December 2024

7pm in the Church.

We will be raising money for Mary's Meals.

### ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCIES

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Temporary Teacher of History and a Temporary Teacher of English. Full details for both vacancies can be found in the church porch and on our website under the news section:

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

### CHRISTMAS TREE

Our Christmas tree will be erected in the sanctuary by the 4th Sunday of Advent. As usual it will be decorated with cards bearing the names of your loved ones who have died. The cards will be in Our Lady's side chapel from this weekend. Please feel free to fill in the names you want on the tree. Remember, you can write several names on a card. The cards will be attached to the tree when it is in place.

### ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

(East End Road, Finchley, N3 2TD) is delighted to announce it is opening a new 26 place nursery provision (8.45am-3.15pm term-time only) on the school site, in January 2025 for 3 and 4 year olds. The Nursery will offer 15 hours free provision to each child in Nursery per week; it will also offer 30 hours free provision to the families that are entitled to this. Please visit the school website to download an application form or contact the school office for further information. tel: **020 8346 8826**  
email: [office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net)

### REPOSITORY

Will be open on Saturday nights during November and December. We are offering a wider range of Christmas gifts and cards. Most of the new products are Fairly Traded and directly benefit the communities they are made by.



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