

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

First reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12–13
Psalm: How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12
Eucharistic Prayer & Preface for Reconciliation 2 (pg 39)



**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 31ST JANUARY 2026**

Saturday 31st January-Saint John Bosco, Priest
Confessions 5.15 - 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
during confession time
6pm Bill Hayward (RIP) Angela Reid (INT)

Sunday 1st February
9:30am Margaret Came (INT)
11:30am Mulligan family (INT) Bridget Howley (RIP)

Monday 2nd February-THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
9.30am Alex Leke Akerele (RIP) Mary Whelan (INT)

Tuesday 3rd February-Saints Laurence, Dunstan and
Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury
NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 4th February
9.30am Pat Hanley (RIP) Jill Kudlacek (RIP)
Marie Flanagan (INT)

Thursday 5th February-Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 6th February-Saint Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs
9.30am Sr. Marie Joseph (INT) Sheila Casey (INT)

Please remember in your prayers all the sick:
Adriano Grazioli, Pat Devine, Robert Rowe, Tom O'Connor,
Kitty Carey, Sr. Marie Joseph Catney,
Mary Byrne, Joe Dooley,
Primo Leonardi

All the recently departed and their loved one
Liz Mulvihill,
and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at
about this time:
Alex Leke Akerele

**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

The Beatitudes are some of the most consoling and encouraging words in the Gospels, and a reminder of God's desire to care for us when we are at our most broken down. Life can be full of challenges, heartbreak, and drudgery. Jesus desires to meet us precisely in that slog, promising us that the kingdom of God is there. Trusting in the love and mercy of God, we can continue to follow the teachings of Jesus because we know that God will be with us in whatever difficulties life presents.

Lourdes Promotion Weekend of 8th February 2026
Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 17th - 24th

July 2026. Registration is now open at
pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/registration-form/ or via the
Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

Also an information flier can be found on our websites
homepage: **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**

If you would like to sponsor or fundraise for an Assisted
Pilgrim, member of the medical team or volunteer then
please also contact the Pilgrimage Office for further
details.

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neill

Parish Secretary - Alison McKinnie (Office hours: **Tuesday, Wed & Thurs 9.00-1.00pm, Friday 9.00-12noon**
51 Nether Street, North Finchley, London N12 7NN. Tel: **020 8446 0224** email: **finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk**

Parish Website - Visit our website for all weekly updates at **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**

Safeguarding - Maire Lynch - Email: **finchleynorthsg2@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 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.

The Archbishop 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 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend please give me the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email). Either by email finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk or post the information through the presbytery door.

On Saturday 7th February 2026 Westminster Cathedral will be holding a Mass for the Sick at 2pm, celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Tickets are in three categories: Wheelchair users who require anointing, walking sick who require anointing and those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing. If you would like tickets please contact the presbytery by email finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk

Volunteers needed for our Church Cleaning Teams: We need volunteers to help clean the church each week. Currently, we have 10 volunteers in 4 teams who work on a rota, each team being responsible for one week in a month. For more information please contact Margaret at margaret.mcpeake@btinternet.com or on [07885 708218](tel:07885708218).

St Alban's Thursday Club

Our next monthly social gathering is on 12th February, 1pm - 3pm. We are having a raffle and a Valentine's Day related quiz. Come and join our friendly gathering. £2 per person.

Finchley Foodbank

A huge thank you for your continued generous support of Finchley Foodbank. Our collection point is at the back of the church in the lobby - any donations of cupboard food and toiletries are gratefully received.



Parish QR code
For online donations



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