

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 4TH JANUARY 2026

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 24:1–2, 8–12

Psalm: The word was made flesh,
and lived among us.

Second reading: Ephesians 1:3–6, 15–18

Gospel: John 1:1–18

Preface Christmas 2 Eucharistic Prayer Reconciliation 2



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 3RD JANUARY 2026

Saturday 3rd January

Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm

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

6pm Sr. Elaine Kelly (INT) Sheila Casey

Sunday 4th January

9:30am Susan Dunning (INT) Anna Dias & family (INT)

11:30am Kathleen Dowling (RIP)

Monday 5th January

9.30am HOLY SOULS

Tuesday 6th January – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)

9.30am Bridget Walsh, Joy Lawrence

Wednesday 7th January

9.30am Clifford Jansz (RIP) Sheila Casey & family (INT)

Thursday 8th January

NO MASS TODAY

Friday 9th January

9.30am Anthony Morgan (RIP) Kathleen McBride (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,

Val Perera, Primo Leonardi

All the recently departed and their loved one

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

The prologue makes three important assertions about the light. First, the light that was coming into the world enlightens everyone. There is nowhere it does not shine. It can pierce the stoniest recesses of the heart. It must, however, be consciously chosen. It does not force its way into any caves in which we may choose to retreat. All who choose to accept it share in the light and spread it. Some, however, prefer darkness to light.

Second, while the light shines in us, we ourselves are not the light itself. Like John, we are illumined by the true light and we testify to it, inviting others into its brilliance, but we know we are not the source of the light. It is through God's desire and divine initiative that we share in this life and light as children of God (vv. 12-13).

Third, no matter how deep the darkness, it cannot overcome the light (1:5). There is no individual or collective sinfulness that is able to extinguish the divine light.

The Gospel assures us we are always capable of letting ourselves be brought to the light.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neill

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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.

Baptism Preparation

For those parents wishing to have a child baptised in the church, there is a preparation course provided here at three month intervals. Couples expecting the birth of a child are welcome to attend as well as those whose children are already born. The next preparation course will be held in the parish hall on Wednesday January 7th at 7.30pm. Please notify the parish office if you intend to come. Parents must be attending mass regularly in the parish when requesting baptism for their child.

Bishop Douglass School will be hosting students from across North London for a careers and university fair on Thursday, 12th February, from 4.30 pm-6.30 pm.

You can register for the event on their website

www.bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

Examination Invigilators Vacancies

Finchley Catholic High School is looking to appoint additional examination invigilators. Details can be found on their website www.finchleycatholic.org.uk under Work with Us/Vacancies and full details can also be found in the church porch.

Closing date for applications is Monday 5th January 2026

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.