

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 18TH JANUARY 2026

First reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5–6

Psalm: Here I am Lord!
I come to do your will.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1–3

Gospel: John 1:29–34

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MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 17TH JANUARY 2026

Saturday 17th January-Saint Anthony, Abbot

Confessions 5.15 - 5.45pm

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

6pm Patrick Loughlin (RIP)

Sunday 18th January

9:30am Susan & Steve Dunning (INT)

11:30am Frank Murtagh (RIP)

Monday 19th January

9.30am Ellie Dunning (INT)

Tuesday 20th January

9.30am Clive & Noreen Norman (INT)

Wednesday 21st January-Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9.30am Fr Dermot O'Neill (INT)

Thursday 22nd January

NO MASS TODAY

Friday 23rd January

9.30am Alison McKinnie (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

Val Perera

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

Patrick Loughlin, Ann Loughlin, Fr. Bernard McCumiskey

“Oh yeah, I know the passage well!” Perhaps this is your reaction when seeing a recognisable selection in the upcoming Sunday’s readings. On one hand, this is great! We should strive for a familiarity with Scripture. But on the other, we risk missing the ever-newness of God’s word if we rely too firmly on what we have already learned. In today’s Gospel John the Baptist tells the crowds who are gathered to see him that there is someone else they should be following instead: “Behold, the lamb of God.” God has more in store even than John the Baptist—Jesus, God himself. In practice, we think we understand a Scripture passage well, but there is always something new that God can reveal to us each time we approach a Scripture passage. Try to return to these Scriptures throughout the week, trusting that God desires something new for you each time you pray with them.

RIP Val Pereira

The funeral service will be at 11am on Monday 19th January
Hendon Crematorium, Holders Hill Rd, London NW7 1NB

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.

Church and Hall: while the heating is working at full capacity, our church and hall are both old buildings with poor insulation, so I'm afraid in this particularly cold weather, the church in particular is struggling to reach an ambient temperature. So please wrap up well coming to church.

St Alban's Centering Prayer Group welcomes you. Every 4th Sunday of the month in 2026. (All dates can be found on our website home page).

We are launching a blended in person & zoom gathering in the North London Hospice thanks to their hospitality from January 2026.

- All are welcome with no previous experience required and there will be annual Introductory Days.
- It is a method of silent listening prayer focusing on deepening our relationship with God - The Divine Indwelling Trinity - which resonates in our relationships with ourselves and each other bringing us to a place of union leading to a desire and commitment towards unconditional love. (The method leaflet can be found on our website)

Our process of listening to each other as in enclosed covenant enables an opening up of shared wisdoms guided by that unique relationship which tends build communities together into a mutuality of silence, solitude, solidarity and service. Very resonant with the Spirit of Synod mission!

Please email me should you wish to join us, you are warmly welcome. Contact for any queries: Carole O'Reilly (coreilly396@btinternet.com)

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.bishpouglass.barnet.sch.uk

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School Vacancy

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Technician of Design & Technology. Full details can be found in the church porch and on the church website, under the news section. parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth

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.