

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
**ST ALBAN**

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 11TH JANUARY 2026

**First reading:** Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7  
**Psalm:** The Lord will bless his people with peace.  
**Second reading:** Acts 10:34–38  
**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13–17  
**Preface of Baptism of the Lord Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation 2**



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK  
COMMENCING 10TH JANUARY 2026

**Saturday 10th January**

**Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm**

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

**6pm** Clara De Souza (RIP) Kathleen Dowling (RIP)

**Sunday 11th January**

**9:30am** Jan & Roger Eastoe (INT) Sabina Maciejewski (RIP)

**11:30am** Mike & Kate Ferry (RIP)

**Monday 12th January**

**9.30am** Robert Rafter, Clayton & Shelini (INT)

**Tuesday 13th January**

**9.30am** Fr Enrique (INT)

**Wednesday 14th January**

**9.30am** Joshua Rafter

**Thursday 15th January**

**NO MASS TODAY**

**Friday 16th January**

**9.30am** Frank & Bernadette Hudson

**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:**

Clara De Soza, Joan Ferris, Sabina Maciejewski,  
Pat Connolly

**CONTACT  
INFORMATION**

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**Childrens Liturgy** - Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30am on Sundays.

**Repository** - Open after both Sunday Masses.

"This is my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased."

There are two important proclamations of God's word in today's gospel: one is the message of John the Baptist to his disciples, and the other is the voice of the Father to his Son. In his baptism, Jesus acknowledged as the beloved Son of the Father. In our own baptism, we get this same message—that God has chosen us as his sons and daughters. This is what the gospel, the "good news" is all about! We often lose sight of this essential truth and get bogged down in other things—stress, our jobs, our families, and even our desire to follow God. All these things can get in the way of recognising that we are beloved.

**Thank you to everyone** who helped in any way with the church celebrations over the Christmas season. Many visitors commented on the beautiful presentation of our church, the vibrant music and sense of community they found here. It is a credit to you all. Many thanks also for your generous gifts and good wishes to me at this time. It is much appreciated.

**Fr Dermot O'Neill**

## 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.

**Thank you for all your kind donations** we raised **£410** which has been made to Mary's Meals. This was of the money raised on the night of the Carol Concert and the refreshments on the Sunday after.

**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.bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk**

### 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.**