

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 25TH JANUARY 2026

First reading: Isaiah 8:23–9:3
Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:23
Eucharistic Prayer & Preface for Reconciliation 1 (pg 36)



**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 24TH JANUARY 2026**

Saturday 24th January-Saint Francis de Sales

Confessions 5.15 - 5.45pm

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

6pm Nicholas Pignataro (RIP) Maria Bohan (RIP)

Sunday 25th January-Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:30am Teresa Doran (INT) Tulia Burgos (RIP)

11:30am Mary Garland (INT) Ninette Carvalho (RIP)

Monday 26th January

9.30am Martin Murphy (RIP) Teresa Doran (INT)

Tuesday 27th January

9.30am Margaret McKiernan (RIP) Mary Harnett (RIP)

**Wednesday 28th January-Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor**

9.30am Breda Ensor (RIP) Louise Pinder (INT)

Thursday 29th January

NO MASS TODAY

Friday 30th January

9.30am Ellen & Denis Ferry (RIP) Patrick Conroy (RIP)

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:**

Nicholas Pignataro, Mary Hartnett, Maria Bohan

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

The death of John the Baptist marks a turning point in the ministry of Jesus. John’s mission to prepare the way has concluded; Jesus’s mission must begin in earnest. Likewise, as a church, we must enter into the “substance” of Ordinary Time: the teaching, proclaiming, and curing works of Jesus. Thus, we return this week to Matthew’s Gospel (where we will remain until nearly halfway through Lent) and hear the beginning of Jesus’s ministry in Galilee. The good news of Jesus starts with an invitation to the first apostles: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” We are invited to follow Jesus the same way this liturgical season, which is far more than an in-between for Christmas, Lent and Easter. As these apostles come to know Jesus in his ministry and teaching, so will we. Each teaching from Jesus and each miracle that Jesus works is an invitation to see more clearly who God is for us.

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.

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.

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 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

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.

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



Parish QR code
For online donations



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.