

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

First reading: Isaiah 58:7–10
Psalm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1–5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13–16



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 7TH JANUARY 2026

Saturday 7th January

Confessions 5.15 - 5.45pm

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

6pm Clement Chan (RIP) Tommy & Ellen Lowe (INT)

Sunday 8th February

9:30am Clement Chan (RIP) Sean Maguire (RIP)

11:30am Colette Mythem (INT) Orazia Tina Scala (RIP)

Monday 9th February

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 10th February - Saint Scholastica, Virgin

NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 11th February

9.30am Carole O'Reilly (INT) Kathleen Poynton (RIP)

Thursday 12th February

NO MASS TODAY

Friday 13th February

9.30am Sylvia Ng (RIP) Martina Ward (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

Liz Mulvihill, Michael Smith, Jim Tierney, Alfred Woolford

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

Clement Chan, Orazia Tina Scala

What does it look like to "let your light shine?" Each of us is created by God as good, and that goodness takes many different forms, but a unifying truth is that the light we are given is meant to be given away. Perhaps it's by caring for an aging parent or a young child. Maybe it's by being thoughtful in friendships or spending time with people on the margins. Regardless who we are, where we are, God asks us to share love with others, so that by our example they may come to know God's love for them.

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.

**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neill

Parish Secretary - Alison McKinnie (Office hours: **Tuesday, Wed & Thurs 9.00-1.00pm, Friday 9.00-12noon**
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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.

The Faith Sharing Lent session will start on Tuesday 24th February at 8pm. It will run for 5 sessions in the evening for up to an hour and a half in Siobán's home. We will use the course booklet provided by the Diocese 'We Dare to Ask'. This is an exploration of our baptism, our vocation and our mission as God's baptised and beloved sons and daughters. Each week will include reflection on the subjects raised as well as sacred scripture. Many parishioners have enjoyed these sessions during autumn and Lent in previous years. We reflect on and share aspects of our faith in a friendly group setting. No special knowledge or prior experience is required. If you would like to join us, please contact Siobán on **07586 254552**. The booklets '**We Dare to Ask**' are available in the repository.

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.

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.

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.