

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
ST ALBAN



PARISH NEWSLETTER - 1ST MARCH 2026

First reading: Genesis 12:1–4
Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.
Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:8–10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9
Preface of Transfiguration (pg 71) Eucharistic Prayer 1 Reconciliation (pg37)

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 28th FEBRUARY 2026**

Saturday 28th February

Confessions 5.15 - 5.45pm

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

6pm Bridget Corcoran (RIP) Jim Tierney (RIP)
Brennie Griffin

Sunday 1st March

9:30am Teresa Falanga (RIP) Pat Molloy (INT)

11:30am Harry & Eileen Levins (RIP)

Monday 2nd March

10am REQUIEM BOB SMITH

Tuesday 3rd March

9.30am Eileen Fitzpatrick (RIP) Pat Hynes (INT)

Wednesday 4th March

9.30am Bob Smith (RIP) Teresa Falanga (RIP)

Thursday 5th March

NO MASS TODAY

Friday 6th March

9.30am Elena Novelli (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

Bob Smith

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

Elena Novelli

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

The transfiguration of Jesus is a momentary glimpse for the apostles into a greater reality—the dazzling divinity of Jesus in conversation with Moses and Elijah, signifying the Law and Prophets. While the beginning of the Father's interruption echoes the announcement heard at the baptism of Jesus, there is a new addition at the end: "listen to him." Sometimes, as in this gospel episode, God's voice is this clearly heard; at others, it's more difficult to discern. When we hear the voice of God, whether in the Scriptures, the timely advice of a trusted friend, or a quiet nudge from the silence, are we willing to listen, or to follow where it leads? While the transfiguration is a major revelation of Jesus's true nature, Jesus rarely if ever performs a miracle for its own sake. In this moment, Jesus's own transfiguration reveals him as the true Word of God, the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. If we listen to Jesus, he can transfigure us into his own brothers and sisters, children of God, that we too may shine like the sun.

Bob Smith RIP

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 10am on Monday 2nd March, followed by Committal at Chehunt Cemetery Bury Green Road Waltham Cross EN7 5AG

Requiescat in pace

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

Repository - Open after both Sunday Masses.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

THE BIG LENT WALK - 200KM IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE-SAVING WATER

Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? Lent has started, but you can still join the Big Lent Walk! Sign up now to raise funds for life-saving water. Step up this Lent to help our neighbours

Live Lent with CAFOD

As we begin Lent, the great season of repentance and renewal, join us in prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Pray with our Lent reflections. **Fast** on Family Fast Day, Friday 27th February.

Give to our Lent Appeal.

Scan to go directly to the sign-up page!



cafod.org.uk/live Lent

St Alban's Thursday Club Thursday, 12 March 2026 1.00pm-3.00pm

We welcome all to our monthly social gathering where we will have an early St Patrick's Day celebration with quizzes and blarney to entertain us. Lynda will lead the Tai Chi. Tasty homemade soup is on the menu. Tea / coffee will also be served. £2 per person. Also, the Arts Depot have invited us to their lunchtime event on Thursday, 26 March 2026 at 12.00. Tickets, available at the club, are £10pp

Sunday Night Shelter 1/2 March - 19/20 April 2026

Arrangements for the Night Shelter this year are well underway and so far 37 parishioners have volunteered to take part. We need a few more, particularly to help with the Sunday night sleepover in the hall. Sleeping bags and mattresses can be provided. If you can help, or need more information before committing, please contact me, margaret.mcpeake@btinternet.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School and Nursery, Bow Lane, N12, still has spaces for the Nursery for the term after your child is 3 (by 31st August 2026). Please look at our website on www.olol.barnetsch.org.uk for the application form or call the school to arrange a tour.

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.



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