

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15–20
Psalm: They are happy who follow God's law!
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6–10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17–37



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 14TH FEBRUARY 2026

**Saturday 14th February-SAINTS CYRIL, Monk, AND
METHODIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe**
Confessions 5.15 - 5.45pm
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
during confession time**
6pm Bridget Corcoran (RIP) William Hayward (RIP)

Sunday 15th February
9:30am Mary Matthews (RIP) Stanislaw Maciejewski (RIP)
11:30am Susan Dunning (INT) Nancy Molamphy (RIP)

Monday 16th February
9.30am Irena Okototowicz (INT) Michael Pollack (INT)
Andrew Carlisle (INT)

Tuesday 17th February
10am REQUIEM DINO RABBINI

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th February
9.30am Theresa Doran (INT) Bridget Collieran (INT)
7pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Thursday 19th February
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 20th February
9.30am Joan Geraerts (INT) Mrs Olonso (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
Jim Tierney, Bob Smith, Alfred Woolford

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

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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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.

On Wednesday, Lent begins.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The season of Lent begins with the proclamation of our own deep need for God's mercy, summarised in this formula for ash distribution. In the first reading, the prophet Joel urges the whole community to return to God, young and old alike—not just in a superficial way, but with the whole of their hearts. The scriptures this week should challenge and inspire the congregation to enter into the depth of Lent and the disciplines that Jesus prescribes in the Gospel reading. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are not ends in themselves, but means by which to grow in humility and love for others.

James Bernard Tierney RIP

The Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 11am on Monday 23rd February, followed by Committal at St Maryebone Crematorium East Finchley

Requiescat in pace

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

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.

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.



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Parish QR code
For online donations

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