

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 22ND MARCH 2026

First reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

Second reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Preface Lazarus (pg72) Eucharistic Prayer Reconciliation (pg 37)



**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 21st MARCH 2026**

Saturday 21st March

Confessions 5.15 - 5.45pm

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

6pm Michael Smith (RIP)

Sunday 22nd March

9:30am Angela Rafter (INT) Thanks Giving

11:30am Raymond Fu (RIP)

Monday 23rd March

9.30am Edwina Akerele (INT)

Tuesday 24th March

9.30am Liz Mulvihill (RIP)

**Wednesday 25th March-THE ANNUNCIATION OF
THE LORD**

9.30am Tulia Burgos (RIP) Johnny Murphy (RIP)

Thursday 26th March

9.30am Bob Smith (RIP)

Friday 27th March

NO MASS TODAY

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

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

Johnny Murphy

The Father's life-giving power is displayed by the Son when he raises his friend Lazarus from the dead—not to eternal resurrection life, but back to normal mortal life of a human being. Lazarus' sister Martha has faith that God will raise her brother to a new life on the last day, but Jesus desires that she take her faith a step further and believe that Jesus, like God, has power over life and death even in these days. When Martha says, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (Jn 11:21), this must of pierced Jesus' heart, because it was true. But Jesus uses the death of his beloved friend as an opportunity to reveal God's glorious power over the grave.

There will be no newsletter 29th March and 5th April

Remember, clocks 'spring forward' next Sunday morning!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

During Lent the Universal Church asks us to celebrate the Scrutinies with the adults in our parish who are to be Baptised, Confirmed and received at the Easter Vigil. So we are celebrating the Third Scrutiny on Sunday 22nd March at the 11.30am Mass . Please pray for Andrea, Diana, Olufisoye, Oladoyin, Leandro, Joe and Jack as they journey towards the Easter sacraments.

**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.

Palm Sunday; As we look forward to Holy Week beginning next weekend on Palm Sunday, please remember we will not be providing palms. Please bring your own palms either from your garden, or from a local park. This ensures we do not further damage the environment by flying palms in from overseas. In addition, it gives witness in the local community of our entry into this significant week, the greatest in the Christian calendar.

Easter Collection; Along with the collection at Christmas, the Easter collection makes up the bulk of the priest's salary in the parish. Many of you may be away over Easter and wish to contribute to this collection. You can either do so by taking an Easter Offering envelope from the porch and place your offering in there and submitting it, or, use the 'Donate' tab on our website, marking the donation, 'Easter Offering'. You can also use the contactless device in the church porch, tapping on 'Easter Offering'.

RECEPTION AFTER EASTER VIGIL

We will be holding a Reception after the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass to welcome all those who complete Rites of Initiation to our faith this year. As usual this will be a 'bring and share' reception and we invite you to contribute nibbles, finger food or sweet treats to share. If possible, please leave food in the Hall before the Vigil begins. Thank you.

Children's & Young People's Stations of the Cross - Practice

All children and young people are warmly invited to join our practice on **Saturday, 21st March 10.30am to 11.30am** in the church, where we will create simple tableaux (physical representations) of some of the Stations. These will be shared as part of the Children's & Young People's Stations of the Cross on Good **Friday, 3rd April at 10am.**

Please note: all participants must be available on Good Friday (**rehearsal beforehand at 8.45am**).

All are welcome - come and take part!



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