

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 15TH MARCH 2026

First reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6–7, 10–13

**Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second reading: Ephesians 5:8–14

Gospel: John 9:1–41

Preface Man born blind (pg72) Eucharistic Prayer 2 (pg25)



**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 14th MARCH 2026**

Saturday 14th March

Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm

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

6pm Kathleen Magel (RIP) Michael Smith (RIP)
Edward Bohan (RIP)

Sunday 15th March

9:30am Thomas & Frances Leech (RIP)

11:30am Bob Smith (RIP)

Monday 16th March

9.30am Rosaria Gallo (RIP)

**Tuesday 17th March-SAINT PATRICK,
Bishop Patron of Ireland**

9.30am Bridget Corcoran (RIP) Edna Akeers (RIP)
Abraham Tadema Soliven (RIP)

Wednesday 18th March

9.30am Mike Finn (RIP) Barbara Ingham (INT)

**Thursday 19th March-SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Patron of the Diocese
NO MASS TODAY**

Friday 20th March 9.30am Petra Tadema Soliven (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

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

Kathleen Magel, Thomas & Frances Leech, Edward Bohan

**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.

In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of a man blind from birth. The pharisees assume that his blindness results from his sin, or from the sin of his parents, a notion that Jesus sternly rejects. When Jesus tells the blind man that he has seen the Son of Man, this is a literal claim and a spiritual one: the blind man now sees Jesus physically with his own eyes, but he also sees the deeper spiritual truth of who Jesus really is. In that sense, it is the Pharisees who are blind, unable to see.

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 Second Scrutiny on Saturday 14th March at the 6.00pm Mass and the Third Scrutiny on Sunday 22nd March at the 11.30am Mass . Please pray for Joao, Andrea, Diana, Olufisoye, Oladoyin, Leandro, Joe and Jack as they journey towards the Easter sacraments.

Mother's Day Blessing

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

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.

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.ololbarnetschool.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.

FINCHLEY FOOD BANK COLLECTION Essentials include: pasta, rice, tinned foods, tea, coffee, sugar, toiletries, toilet roll, sanitary towels etc. **Thank you** - the collection box is in the porch.

'Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you unto me' Mt 25:46



Parish QR code
For online donations



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