

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
ST ALBAN



PARISH NEWSLETTER - 12TH APRIL 2026

First reading: Acts 2:42–47
Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Second reading: 1 Peter 1:3–9
Gospel: John 20:19–31

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 11TH APRIL 2026**

Saturday 11th April

Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm

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

6pm Barbara Ingham (RIP) Ellen & Tommy Lowe (INT)

Sunday 12th April

9:30am Marizio & Tina Niccoli (INT)

11:30am Margaret Came (INT)

Monday 13th April

9.30am Dick & Mary Shanahan (RIP)

Tuesday 14th April

NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 15th April

9.30am Charles Schmitt (RIP)

Thursday 16th April

NO MASS TODAY

Friday 17th April

Michael Burke (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

Sheila Casey

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

Dick & Mary Shanahan, Michael Burke,
Thomas & Emma Swanna

“My Lord and my God!”

It’s incredibly unfortunate that we mostly know “Doubting Thomas” for the first half of this gospel story rather than for his proclamation of Jesus’s identity. Apart from Peter’s response to Jesus in Matthew 16:16 (“You are the Messiah, the son of the living God”), one would be hard pressed to find a more succinct, powerful, and personal witness to Jesus. Of course, it took some time and experience of Jesus for Thomas to get there. Like the other disciples who gathered in the locked room, Thomas needed a personal encounter with the risen Jesus. However, he wanted this encounter on his own terms—“Unless I see. . . I will not believe.” In his generosity, Jesus meets Thomas in exactly this way, but also challenges him by saying, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” This challenge to Thomas is also a fourth wall-breaking encouragement to those hearing the gospel at the time of its writing and to all of us today, who rely primarily on the experience of Jesus written down in the Scriptures. Insofar as we can proclaim Jesus crucified and risen, we are truly blessed.

**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.

Many congratulations to all who were Baptised at the Easter Vigil: the adults: Andrea, Diana, Olufisoye, Oladoyin, Leandro & Joe and the children: Joanna, Joshua, Darya, Sophia and Jessica. 'Also, to Jack (already Baptised in another Christian denomination) who was received into the Catholic Church and with the other adults, Confirmed. 'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song.'

EASTER Thank you to all who helped to make the Easter ceremonies the joyful celebration they were this year. From liturgical ministers to music leaders, from ushers to hospitality providers, from flower arrangers to printers of service booklets; many people contributed to the prayerful celebration of these ceremonies that mark the annual highlight of our Christian faith. The large turnout at the ceremonies over Easter is testimony to a vibrant community of faith. But more importantly, the prayerful celebration of the ceremonies spoke of a devout community. A big thank you to all who were so generous with your good wishes and greetings to me over the Holy Week celebrations, and for your Easter offerings. It is greatly appreciated. Fr. Dermot

SPIRITANS APPEAL

Next weekend, 18th/19th April, we welcome Fr Geoffrey Mbindyo to all masses as he makes an appeal on behalf of the Spiritans Missionary order. They are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation founded in 1703.

Over 300 years on, 3000 professed and lay Spiritans, drawn from all continents, today carry out their mission of evangelization in more than 60 countries throughout the world. There will be a retiring collection after all masses for those who wish to assist with their work of evangelizing.

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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for private prayer.