TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST ALBAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER - 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

First reading:	**Ezekiel 33:7–9**
Psalm:	**O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**
Second reading:	**Romans 13:8–10**
Gospel:	**Matthew 18:15–20**

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday 5th September
Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time
6pm Teresa Doan (INT)

Sunday 6th September
9:30am Margaret Came (INT) Mary Byrne (RIP)
11:30am Kathy Diamond (INT)

Monday 7th September
NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 8th September-THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast Mass and Office of the Feast
9.30am Christina Durkin (RIP) Sophie Ward (RIP)

Wednesday 9th September
9.30am Pat Griffin (INT) Eileen Ginty (RIP)

Thursday 10th September
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 11th September
9.30am Mr Arokiasamy (RIP) Mary Smithers & family (INT)

Please remember in your prayers all the sick:
Adriano Grazioli, Robert Rowe, Tom O'Connor, Kitty Carey, Sr. Marie Joseph Catney, Joe Dooley, Primo Leonardi, Peter Whitaker, Brunno Rodrigues De Souza, Teresa Doran
All the recently departed and their loved one
Mary Byrne
and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:
Sophie Ward

This week, builders will begin work on repurposing and refurbishing the presbytery. There will be quite a bit of disruption in the car park and presbytery area. The presbytery will be out of commission while the work is going on. The parish office will operate out of the sacristy during normal office hours. Fr. Dermot will be in temporary accommodation nearby and will be available for meeting/appointments in the parish hall or sacristy by appointment. Parking space in the church car park will be limited to people with infirmities or disabilities during this time. The work is expected to take until mid-December to complete. There will be inconvenience for everybody while the work is ongoing, but please be patient during this time. The work is long overdue.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Starts again this Sunday 6th September. Huge thanks to our teams of 15 Catechists who work so hard to explain the Sunday Gospel to our youngest children. They are meeting on Thursday 24th September at 8pm in the Church Hall. If you would like to find out more about joining one of our monthly teams, why not come along? You will be made very welcome.

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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Parish Website - Visit our website for all weekly updates at **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**
Safeguarding - Maire Lynch - Email: **finchleynorthsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk**
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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2026-27

First Holy Communion for children in year 3 and above.

Part 1 is a Foundation Course for children who are Baptised Catholics and attend non-Catholic schools and for children who are not yet baptised. This begins in September 2026 closing date is Sunday 6th September.

Part 2 is a First Holy Communion Course for Baptised Catholic children attending Catholic schools and for children who have completed the Foundation Course. It begins in November 2026.

The application form, as a download for both part 1 and part 2 can be found on the parish website under Sacramental Preparation. Paper copies are now available in the church porch.

Confirmation Preparation for young people in Year 9 and above. Sessions will begin in October 2026. Registration is now open: Either go to our website under Sacramental Preparations or scan the QR code here

CLOSING DATE IS TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

ST. ALBAN'S THURSDAY CLUB Thursday 10th September 2026 1.00-3.00pm.

All are welcome to our monthly social meeting where we will hear of holidays and other news. Linda will lead the Tai Chi. Tea/coffee will be served with homemade sandwiches. £2 per person.

The ArtsDepot have invited us to their matinee on Thursday,24 September for a Live Draw Along of Cartoons, Characters and Caricatures. Tickets £12pp. from Sarah at the Club.

AN INVITATION: 'COME AND SEE'

Do you know anyone whom you could invite to learn more about the Catholic Church? Or perhaps someone who might be considering becoming a Catholic? If so, please invite them to attend a meeting for adults on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall where they can meet other interested adults and find out what is involved. In the meanwhile, if they want to know more, why not introduce them to Fr. Dermot or ring or email the parish secretary who will ask someone to phone them with information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next Baptism Preparation session will take place on Wednesday, 23rd September, at 8:00 pm in the Church Hall. We look forward to welcoming all parents and guardians who are preparing for the Baptism of their child. Please let the Parish Office know if you will be attending finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk

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Parish QR code
For online donations

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