THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 25TH OCTOBER 2026

First reading: Exodus 22:20–26
Psalm: I love you Lord, my strength.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5–10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34–40

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 24TH OCTOBER 2026

Saturday 24th October
Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time
6pm Henry Sheils (RIP) Cathy Byrne (RIP)

Sunday 25th October
9:30am Tulia Burgos (RIP) Cathy Byrne (RIP)
11:30am Mary O'Neill (RIP) Sheila & Jack Jackson (RIP)

Monday 26th October
9.30am Cathy Byrne (RIP)

Tuesday 27th October
9.30am Elena Novelli (RIP)

Wednesday 28th October-SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles
9.30am Henry Sheils (RIP)

Thursday 29th October-Blessed Martyrs of Douai
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 30th October
9.30am Angela Fernandes (INT) Levilyn Panlabasan

Please remember in your prayers all the sick:
Adriano Grazioli, Robert Rowe, Tom O'Connor, Kitty Carey, Joe Dooley, Primo Leonardi, Peter Whitaker, Brunno Rodrigues De Souza

All the recently departed and their loved one

and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:
Henry Sheils, Sheila & Jack Jackson, Levilyn Panlabasan

Strength, rock, fortress, and deliverer are just a few of the adjectives used for God in this Sunday's psalm. We look to God in difficult times to support, protect, and rescue us. Psalm 118 as originally written is a thanksgiving for a miltary victory, but it is certainly relevant at any moment that God helps us through difficulties. God has shown love to us, and we can love God in return. In preparation for proclaiming this week's psalm, reflect on a moment when you relied on God in challenging circumstances. What did the experience feel like? How did you respond once that circumstance was resolved?

Peter Arulraj David RIP
The Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 12pm on Saturday 31st October the Committal after will be at 1.30pm at New Southgate Cemetery
Requiescat in pace

During November, the month dedicated to prayers for the Holy Souls, there will be two masses offered each week for the Holy Souls. If you wish to add the names of your loved ones to our Book of Holy Souls, there are envelopes in the church porch for this purpose. The Book of Holy Souls will be placed by the Altar at each mass in November.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Parish Website - Visit our website for all weekly updates at **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**
Donations & Gift Aid - Claire Catney - Email: **finchleynorthgac@rcdow.org.uk**
Childrens Liturgy - Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30am on Sundays.
Safeguarding - Maire Lynch - Email: **finchleynorthsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk**
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.

Save the Date! St Alban's Quiz Night Friday, 27th November, 2026, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Join a table or gather your team! In support of the renovations to our Presbytery.
Tickets £15.00 per head to include Fish & Chips or a vegetarian option. Cash bar and Raffle.Call Brigid Russell **07836 798 909** or Tricia O'Connor **07507 220161**
and tickets will be on sale, cash only please, after each Mass on 7th/8th and 14th/15th November, 2026.

FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 11th November 5pm-7pm with talks at 5.15pm and 6.30pm **Full details are in the church porch**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2026-27 First Holy Communion for children in year 3 and above. 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 can be found on the parish website under Sacramental Preparation. Paper copies are available in the church porch.

Parish office hours The office hours have changed until further notice. The new hours are; Tuesday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 9am-4pm and Thursday 9am-1pm. Outside of these hours please email the parish email for any urgent enquiries **finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk**

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 come along on a Wednesday 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.

Saint Michael's Catholic Grammar School vacancies

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Technician to provide specialist support to the Biology Department for this temporary contract whilst the incumbent is on maternity leave. Also a full time Temporary Teacher of Geography. More information can be found in our Church porch or our website under the news section **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**

Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery and Primary School (Bow Lane, Finchley, London, N12 0JP)

warmly invites all prospective parents to our upcoming school tours on:
Wednesday 4th November at 9.30am.

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Parish QR code
For online donations

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