TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST ALBAN

## PARISH NEWSLETTER - 18TH OCTOBER 2026

**First reading:** Isaiah 45:1, 4–6
**Psalm:** Give the Lord glory and power.

**Second reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5
**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15–21

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 17TH OCTOBER 2026**

**Saturday 17th October-Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**
**Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm**
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time**
**6pm** John Leader (RIP) Cathy Byrne (RIP)

**Sunday 18th October**
**9:30am** Mary O'Neill (RIP)
**11:30am** Cathy Byrne (RIP)

**Monday 19th October**
**NO MASS TODAY**

**Tuesday 20th October**
**9.30am** Mary O'Neill (RIP) Maeve Ryley (INT)
HOLY SOULS (RIP)

**Wednesday 21st October**
**9.30am** Cathy Byrne (RIP)

**Thursday 22nd October**
**NO MASS TODAY**

**Friday 23rd October**
**9.30am** Mary O'Neill (RIP) Cathy Byrne (RIP)

**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:**
Paddy Costello

Theologians will speak both of God's immanence and God's transcendence. God is great as great can be, Creator of all, but is also nearer to each of us than we are to ourselves. Today's responsorial psalm emphasizes God's transcendence, but within the context of God's relationship with Israel and his "wondrous deeds" on their behalf. The right response of God's work in our lives is gratitude and praise, both for God's greatness and for God's goodness for each of us. In preparation for proclaiming this psalm, reflect on the times, places, and the people where you've seen the greatness of God. If we can keep in mind what God has done for us, we can praise God more genuinely.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**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 Parish Quiz Night**

In support of renovations to our Presbytery Friday, 27th November, 2026, details to follow next week!

**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 now available in the church porch.

**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 vacancy**

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.
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.**