

## **St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End**

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### **Service Times this week**

Sunday Masses: Saturday: **6:30pm**

Sunday: **9:30am (Sung)**

**11:30am (Family)**

**6:30pm (Polish)**

Weekday Masses: **10:00am** (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri & Sat)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-10:55am; 5:45-6:15pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat. 10:30-11am.

Last Sunday's Collection: envelopes: £518.76;  
loose: £495.12; total: £1013.88.

Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

The first half of last week gave us a brief taste of spring as temperatures reached record levels for February. Most of us tend to feel better when we experience a bit of good spring weather. We are ready to open up to a breath of fresh air. The Church's Season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, is also a time for us to open up and enjoy what God offers to us in this season of grace. It is a time for what might be described as a spiritual spring-clean, letting the light of God's love and the breath of the Holy Spirit clear out the shadows and the cobwebs that can begin to lurk inside us. It is a good time for us to reflect on those aspects of ourselves which we know could be better so that we can cooperate with the grace that God offers us to help us make a fresh start.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Ash Wednesday** (6<sup>th</sup> March) is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be Mass on Wednesday at 12 noon and 7:30pm.

**Stations of the Cross** – Starting this week, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the morning Mass at about 10:25am.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony**, Westminster Cathedral, Sat. 8 June at 3pm. For couples who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> (& every year over 60) wedding anniversary. Please let us have the following details: husband & wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email) by 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Children's Liturgy** – As the Family Mass now starts half an hour earlier, the session for the children before that Mass now begins at 11:00am in the Meeting Room. Please encourage the children to attend that session to help them prepare for the Mass.

**FCCJ** (Finchley Council of Christians & Jews) **Meeting**, Mon. 4 March, 2:30-4pm at Blue Beetle, St Mary's,

Hendon Lane. Speaker: Aubrey Rose CBE. Ring 8365 2381 for more info.

**Italian Evening** – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in St Philip's Parish Centre, 7:30pm. North London Catenians present a fun-packed evening of Italian dance, music and Italian food. Price (including buffet): £20. Tickets to be purchased in advance from Lionel (020 8368 0314) or Bill (020 8349 9691).

**Lent Study Groups** with Churches Together in Finchley – every Wednesday during Lent at 1:30pm (at Trinity Church, Nether St, N12) or 7:30pm (at 63 Holdenhurst Ave, N12 0HY). Starts 13 March. All welcome.

**Friday Lent Lunches**, 12:30-1:45pm: **15<sup>th</sup> March** at St-Mary-at-Finchley Church, Hendon Lane, N3; **22<sup>nd</sup> March** at Christ Church, High Rd, N12; **29<sup>th</sup> March** at St Barnabas Church, High Rd, N12; **5<sup>th</sup> April** at St Philip the Apostle, N3; **12<sup>th</sup> April** at Trinity Church, Nether St, N12. All welcome.

**Thank you** to all the lovely people in the parish for your kind support over the past 18 years. Russ and I are relocating to Ireland at the end of the month and wish you all the very best for the future. Anne.

**Ify Okoye**, who was a parishioner at St Philip's and one of our catechists, will be running a half marathon this month to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society. If you would like to sponsor her, you can do so via the following link: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/IfyOkoye>.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** – Cardinal Vincent's appeal for Lent this year is focussed on the growing issue of food poverty. Throughout the Season of Lent, there will be a wall box in the main porch to take your donations for this appeal.

**If you are admitted to hospital**, and you would like to see a Catholic Chaplain, data protection rules require you to tell the hospital staff, firstly, that you wish your details to be passed to the RC Chaplain and, secondly, that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

### **Parish Centenary 1919 – 2019 Dates for your diaries**

6 April Parish Retreat – Bishop John Crowley  
28 April Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started  
4 May Patronal Feast – Variety Show with refreshments  
9 May Slide show  
19 May Centenary Walk  
2 June Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started  
28-30 June Flower Festival plus exhibition  
29 June Strawberry Tea in Parish Centre  
14 July Children's Picnic/Games in Stephens House Gardens (Avenue House) following the 11:30am Family Mass  
14 Sept. Jubilee Mass followed by buffet reception parish centre  
5 Oct. International Food Fair

**Job Vacancies** – Information about job vacancies in the diocese can be found via the following link: <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

**Polish Services** – Information is available on the Polish-language website [www.finchleyparish.co.uk](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk), or email [proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk](mailto:proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk). The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gałuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants** – Rosary Procession Prayer Vigil, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, St Francis of Assisi Church, Stratford: Mass at 10am; procession to BPAS Centre; return for shared lunch. See poster or [www.helpersuk.org](http://www.helpersuk.org).

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further info. visit [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

**Planned Giving envelopes** – There are still a number of unclaimed boxes of envelopes. They can be collected from the Priests House any morning during the week. If you would like to start using envelopes for your weekly offering, please complete one of the salmon-coloured forms from the rack in the main porch. A simple alternative is to give by bank standing order - yellow forms are available in the main porch giving the necessary details. If you are a tax-payer, please also complete a Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim the tax you have paid on your offering.

**Do you have old rosary beads that are no longer needed?** The Catenian Rosary Group has been sending unused rosaries to Aborigines in Australia and to various countries in Africa since 2009, but there is always a demand for more. If you, or your family or friends, have unused rosaries hidden

away in cupboards or drawers, you can help the cause by sending them to John Riley, 112 Lonsdale Road, Bolton, Lancs. BL1 4PN, or contact him on 01204 845094 or [dor.jonriley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dor.jonriley@yahoo.co.uk).

**Marriage Care volunteers needed!** – This Catholic organisation provides marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England and Wales. The Barnet & Enfield Centre needs **Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators** (training is provided); an **Administrator** to help run the Centre's services; and **qualified Relationship Counsellors**. Visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) for information or to apply, or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

**Parish Registration** – Have you registered with the Parish? Have you changed your address since you registered? It is helpful, if you need any kind of reference, if you are already on our parish database. Our parish database is held securely on computer and contains only the information you provide to us. That information is never shared with any third party, unless you give your express consent. If you leave the parish, or no longer wish to be included on the database, you can let us know at any time and your information will be deleted. If you need to register, or update your details, or are not sure if you have registered, please complete a pink registration form available in the main porch. (Make a note on the top of the form if you are updating details.)

**Are you paying less tax?** If you are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover your Gift Aid donations, HMRC may ask you to repay the shortfall. Please let us know if you are no longer able to Gift Aid your offerings to the parish and we will exclude you from our tax claim. If you are paying sufficient tax but have not yet completed a declaration for the money you give to the parish either by numbered envelope or by banker's order, please complete one of the Gift Aid forms available in the main porch. We can then reclaim the tax paid on those offerings. Claims can be backdated by up to four years.

**School Governors** - St Theresa's School has a need for committed Catholics to act as Foundation Governors. See the poster on the schools notice board in the church porch or use the following link to obtain more information: <http://rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/recruitment-of-foundation-governors/>