

## **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: loose: £374.25;  
envelopes: £486.95; total: £861.20.  
Mission Appeal (Missionaries of Africa): £758.18.  
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

When it comes to trying to make progress in the world, it seems that we are constantly in competition with others, whether that is in the struggle for promotion at work or simply trying to find a seat on the train or bus for the daily commute. The image that we have of God's kingdom in today's readings turns that model on its head. The way to make progress in God's kingdom is not to keep pushing oneself to the front of the queue but, paradoxically, by making sure that others are put before us. It is by supporting and encouraging each other to use the gifts that God has entrusted to us for the benefit of all that we help each other to recognise the joys of God's kingdom.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Centenary Mass** – The highlight of our Centenary Year will be a Mass celebrated, here at St Philip's, by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm, which will be followed by an informal reception in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**Parish History** – A commemorative book to mark the Centenary of the parish is available in the Repository. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover the costs would be appreciated.

**First Holy Communion 2020** – Applications are invited for children who will be in Year 3 (or above) this September and who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year. Families should have been attending St Philip's Church regularly for at least three months before submitting an application. Yellow forms, which are available in the main porch, must be returned by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September and must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate if the child was not baptised at St Philip's. There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre, where further details of the course will be provided. The children have their first workshop on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am.

**Confirmation 2020** - Applications are invited from young people who will be in Year 9 (or above) in September and who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. Forms should be completed by the candidate, who should have been attending St Philip's Church regularly for at least three months before submitting the application. Green forms, which are available in the main porch, must be returned by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September and must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate, showing the address of the church of Baptism, if the candidate was not baptised at St Philip's.

**Children's Liturgy** – There is a session for primary school children every Sunday during term time at 11:00am in the Meeting Room where the catechists help the children to prepare for the 11:30 Mass. Over the past couple of terms, the attendance at those sessions has been very low, but the catechists have agreed to continue them for one more term, beginning next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Please encourage your children to join that group, through the Weekday Chapel. If there is an improvement in the number attending over the next few months, we will consider continuing the sessions after Christmas.

**Mothers' Prayer Group**, formed in Kent in 1995 by two women who wanted to pray for their grandchildren, spread rapidly and now has thousands of groups in over 100 countries. A group will be starting at St Philip's on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September and will then meet every Thursday at 10:30am in the Meeting Room. For more information, contact Cathy on 07947 741460 / catherinepellegrinelli@yahoo.com, or Isabel on 07539 611248.

**Catholic Education Service** – There will be a retiring collection next weekend to support the work of the Catholic Education Service.

**Funeral, Peter Lupton R.I.P.** – We received the sad news this week of the death of Peter Lupton, Tracy Manning's father. His funeral will be at St Philip's on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am. May he rest in peace. We offer our condolences to his family.

**CAFOD Information Morning** – Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am-12.30pm, at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, Lambeth North, London, SE1 7JB. CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning with new Director, Christine Allen, who has first-hand experience of their work in Uganda; the country CAFOD are focusing on this Harvest Fast Day. Booking required: by calling 020 8449 6970 or e-mail [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)

**Memorial Mass for Father John Ball R.I.P.** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School, Nether Street, North Finchley N12 7NJ at 7pm - followed by refreshments. Please call 020 8446 2256 or email [office@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk) if you are planning to attend.

**Finchley Catholic High School Open Evening** – on 10<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm - 8.30pm for 6<sup>th</sup> form entry, with guided tours and talks by the Headteacher for prospective students.

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants** – Processional Prayer Vigil: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, St Patrick's, Soho Square, W1D 4NR. Mass at 9am; procession to Marie Stopes Centre; return for Benediction and shared lunch. See poster or visit [www.helpersuk.org](http://www.helpersuk.org).

**Retrouaille residential weekend** - a programme on 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September for married couples that feel disillusioned or frustrated. The programme has helped 6,000 couples with issues in their marriage in the past year. For more information or to register interest: contact 07887 296983 or [retrouailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouailleukinfo@gmail.com).

**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.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498.

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

**APF Red Boxes** – If you have a red collection box that has not been emptied for a while, please bring it along and hand it in at the Repository at the back of the church. Please make sure that your name is on the label on the bottom of the box. It will be returned after it has been emptied. The contents will be forwarded to the APF.

**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.

**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 Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**CAFOD donations & Printer Cartridge Recycling** – recycle your used printer cartridges by printing off the Freepost label from <https://therecyclingfactory.com/cafod> and posting your used cartridges - a donation will be made directly to CAFOD for every recycled cartridge received.

**Planned Giving envelopes** – 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.

**Volunteers requested** – The SVP in East Finchley support a weekly soup kitchen at the Baptist Church in Muswell Hill. They are looking for more volunteers to help. No experience required. More information is available on request.

**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.)