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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

11:30am

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £123.50;

envelopes: £334.40; candles: £81.79.

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

Solemnity of All Saints – 1st November 2020

Dear Parishioners,

When we think about saints, we might have in mind static images of people with haloes around their heads, or stories from glossy biographies. That can make saints seem very detached from the reality of our everyday lives, and not very helpful as role models. But the saints went through difficult nitty-gritty challenges like the rest of us, and the behaviour of many of them could not be regarded as 'saintly' for the whole of their lives. What distinguishes the saints is that they allowed God's grace to help them deal with life's challenges, and find the courage to overcome their faults and failings. Saint John, in today's second reading, reminds us that we are already the children of God. What the future holds for us, we don't yet know, but it is in the ways in which we try to live the paradox of the Beatitudes, day by day, that we begin to see ourselves as numbered among the 'great multitude' of saints and, in doing so, provide an inspiration for those around us.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

All Souls' Day – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) is this Monday (2nd November). In addition to the usual 10:00am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass at 7:30pm. The usual booking arrangements will apply for each Mass.

Sick and Retired Priests Fund – This Fund gives support to priests of this Diocese who are no longer able to continue in active ministry due to sickness or old age. We were due to have a collection next week to support the Fund but, as it is not practical to have retiring collections at the moment, you are invited to support the clergy who have served in the parishes of this Diocese in one of the following ways:

- Online donation on the diocesan website <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/sick-and-retired-priests-fund/> where you can Gift Aid your donation;
- Transfer to our parish account [*details in next column*], adding 'SRP' to the payment reference;

If you pick up a paper copy of this newsletter in the church, please make sure that you take it with you when you leave. Don't leave any used copies behind in the church.

- Place offerings in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch [*to your left as you enter the church*];
- If you wish to Gift Aid your offering, please use one of the special envelopes in the church porch;
- You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the special envelope or on the Fund's poster in the porch.

Covid-19 Safety – The current alert level in London doesn't affect our arrangements for Mass, but it does highlight the importance of keeping to the safety measures that have been put in place:

- Make sure you book for each Mass you wish to attend, either on the online service or by email or phone;
- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are in the church (apart from when receiving Holy Communion);
- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;
- Maintain a social distance from those outside your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and avoid unnecessary movement within the church;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid close contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

Booking for Mass – Booking is now essential for Sunday Masses and is also highly recommended for Masses during the week. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as to keep records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. You can use the online booking service at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/>. If you are unable to access the online service, you can also book with a phone call to the parish number, by email or in writing, saying which Mass you wish to attend and providing your contact details. The information supplied will be deleted 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. Those who come without booking will not be admitted if the building has reached its safe capacity. Check the parish microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for up-to-date information.

Confirmation – The young people of the parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at special Masses on the coming two Sundays. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time.

Church offerings – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." Envelopes may also be placed in the wooden box at the front of the church. A preferred option is to make a transfer to the parish bank account. The account name to use is 'WRCDT Finchley Church End', sort code 40-05-20, account number 11094599. (It is classed as a 'business' account.) Debit and credit card donations can also be made via the parish microsite, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>

Offertory envelopes – New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes are now available for those who have been using them recently. Those who have been using envelopes with a number greater than 100 have been allocated a new, lower number.

Month of the Holy Souls – Masses will be celebrated throughout the month of November for our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to make a list of the names of your loved ones, place your list in one of the special brown envelopes, available in the church porch, and those lists will be placed on the altar for each Mass during November.

Mass Intentions – Mass will be celebrated this week for the following intentions:

Saturday 31st Oct, 10:00am – Grace Delroy RIP
6:30pm – People of the Parish
Sunday 1st Nov, 9:30am – Cleary & Dixon Family
11:30am – November Dead
Monday 2nd Nov, 10:00am – November Dead
7:30pm – Fr John Michael Miller RIP
Tuesday 3rd Nov, 10:00am – November Dead
Thursday 5th Nov, 10:00am – November Dead
Friday 6th Nov, 10:00am – November Dead
Saturday 7th Nov, 10:00am – November Dead
6:30pm – People of the Parish

Charities – Many charities have been struggling this year as they have been unable to raise funds in their traditional ways. A selection of the charities that we have supported over the years are listed on the Charities page of our parish microsite, together with information about how you can help them now. Please consider choosing one to support. You can find the information via this link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/charities/>

NHS COVID-19 app – Use the app to check in at the church, by scanning the QR code in the porch. The code is on posters displayed on your left as you enter the main door. This does not replace the need to book for Mass.

Parish History – A commemorative book was published to mark the Centenary of the parish in 2019. We can arrange to post a copy to you. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

Polish Community – Information about Polish services is available on the Polish-language website www.finchleyparish.co.uk or email mgaluszka2@gmail.com. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax-payer, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. A Gift Aid declaration can now be completed by email. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> provides details of what is required.

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.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, *[bow]*
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

All Souls' Day (2nd November):

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **The Lord is my light and my help.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**It is my Father's will, says the Lord
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.**

Alleluia!