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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 9:30am
11:30am

Mass in Polish: Sunday 6:30pm

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Holy Days: 12:00 noon & 7:30pm

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: Sunday loose collection: £90.21;
envelopes: £214.00; Christmas loose collection: £494.90;
Christmas envelopes: £305.00; candles: £135.16.

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

2nd Sunday after the Nativity - 2nd January 2022

Dear Parishioners,

The number of people attending our Masses for the Christmas weekend last week was a record low, despite having more than double the seating capacity of 2020. But there was a similar experience in shops and other public venues, as people chose to avoid crowds while the Omicron coronavirus variant continues to spread. I am grateful to those who helped ensure that we were able to offer our full schedule of Christmas services, and to celebrate the Birth of Christ in a fitting way.

I would also like to thank you for your cards, gifts and kind greetings. They were much appreciated.

We now face into a New Year. There is still a great deal of uncertainty about how the pandemic is going to develop in the coming months and how our lives are going to be affected by those developments. But our celebration of the Birth of our Saviour helps us to remember that Christ has come among us to be with us through all of the challenges that we face. May the light of his love, and the power of the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us, as we support each other through these difficult times.

May God bless you all throughout the coming year,
Fr John Dermody.

Epiphany of the Lord – This Thursday (6th January) is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. We have Mass on Thursday at our usual Holy Day times of 12 noon and 7:30pm.

Bank Holiday – Mass will be at the usual time of 10:00am on Bank Holiday Monday.

Crib Offerings – Our Crib is, once again, in front of the tabernacle this year. There is a wall box in the pillar next to the crib in which you can place donations for the Catholic Children's Society. Donations can also be made online at <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/donate/>.

Face Coverings – Face masks are now mandatory for all gatherings in the church, for everyone who does not have

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, together with all your personal belongings. If you don't wish to take used sheets with you, please place them in a recycling box as you leave the church. Don't leave any used items behind in the benches.

a legal exemption. They should cover both nose and mouth at all times while you are inside the building, apart from when receiving Holy Communion or proclaiming a reading. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser as you enter the church, to minimise any risk of spreading infection. You shouldn't come to the church if you have any of the Covid-19 symptoms.

Church offerings – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall box in the main porch, or in the wooden box at the front of the church. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." A preferred option is to make a transfer, or set up a standing order, 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.) For more information, see: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

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

Saturday 1st January 10:00am – Michael Ward RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Esther Whaley RIP

Sunday 2nd January, 9:30am – People of the Parish

11:30am – Joan Ballinger – Intention

Monday 3rd January, 10:00am – Diana Klein - Intention

Tuesday 4th January, 10:00am – Fred & Gert Benham RIP

Thursday 6th January, 12:00pm – Marcella Filippi RIP Anniv.

7:30pm – People of the Parish

Friday 7th January, 10:00am – Trish Pultey RIP

Saturday 8th January, 10:00am – Kathleen Mulchrone RIP

6:30pm – Josephine O'Grady RIP

CAFOD Afghanistan Crisis Appeal - CAFOD has combined efforts with DEC for the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. You can still donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

Honouring Sunday – Uncertainty about the direction that the coronavirus is going to take causes many people to hesitate about sharing in the Sunday Mass. The Bishops of England and Wales have acknowledged that fact, but encourage all Catholics to reflect on how we mark the Lord's Day. You can read their recent statement at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/honouring-sunday/>.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax-payer, and haven't yet completed a Gift Aid declaration for your contributions to the parish, it can now be set up very simply by email. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for more information.

Repository – The shop at the back of the church is open before and after each of the Sunday Masses. Cards, books and other religious items are available to purchase.

Sunday Coffee – Refreshments are once again available in the Parish Centre this Sunday, after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome.

Funeral, Andrew di Palma RIP – Andrew's funeral will be at St Edward's Church in Golders Green, on Wednesday 19th January.

Lost Property – Have you left personal items behind in the church in the past few months? The lost property basket in the church porch is now overflowing with clothing and other items that have been abandoned in the church. Have a look to see if there is anything belonging to you. If items are not claimed in the coming weeks, a new home will be found for them.

Newsletter distribution – You can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. You can also receive the latest copy every week via email. Do that by clicking the 'Subscribe to Alerts' button, which is at the bottom of each page on the parish microsite, or simply let us know that you would like to receive the weekly email. You can unsubscribe at any time. You might also like to think about passing a copy of the newsletter to a neighbour or friend who is not able to get to the church or access the internet.

Parish History – A commemorative book was published to mark the Centenary of the parish in 2019. You can pick up a copy in the Repository at the back of the church, or we can arrange to post a copy. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

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.

This Sunday's responses:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: **The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.
Alleluia!**

Responses for the Epiphany (6th January):

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: **All nations shall fall prostrate before you,
O Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!**

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.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things, visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *[bow]*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.