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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: £175.70;

envelopes: £195.00; candles: £61.46.

Priests' Training Fund collection: £207.43.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus describes himself as the Vine, and we, his disciples, are the branches. Through our Baptism, we are grafted onto the Vine, and receive nourishment from that Vine through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also describes his Father as the Vinedresser, who prunes the branches so that we may bear more abundant fruit.

During this past year, we have, in a sense, experienced pruning through the ways in which our activities have been curtailed by the coronavirus restrictions. This is an opportunity for us to recognise our need to remain close to Christ and to draw on the nourishment that he offers to us, through the Sacraments and through the gift of his Spirit. We look for that nourishment to help us, as we become able to branch out once again in the coming months, so that we may bear fruit in the ways in which we reflect the love of the Lord to each other and to those around us. Just as wine that is produced from the fruit of the vine brings joy when it is shared, so we look to bring joy to others by the fruits of love that flow from our bond with the true Vine.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

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

Saturday 1st May, 10:00am – Gildo Pasini RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Francis Reehill RIP Anniv.

Sunday 2nd May, 9:30am – Michael Thomas RIP

11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 3rd May, 10:00am – Rose Wright RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 4th May, 10:00am – Leopoldine Langley RIP Anniv.

Thursday 6th May, 10:00am – Martin Brennan RIP

Friday 7th May, 10:00am – Mary Cicolini RIP Anniv.

Saturday 8th May, 10:00am – Sister Eillis - Intention

6:30pm – May Brennan - Intention

Bank Holiday Monday – This Monday is the feast of our parish patron, St Philip the Apostle. We are not able to

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have a social gathering to mark the occasion, but we will have Mass as usual at 10:00am on Monday.

Ascension of the Lord – The Solemnity of the Ascension will be celebrated this year on Thursday 13th May. We will have Mass at 12 noon and 7:30pm on that day. It is recommended that you book a place if you wish to attend either of those Masses. As usual, bookings will open six days beforehand.

First Holy Communion – We hope to begin a new First Holy Communion programme in the autumn term this year, but would like an indication of how many children are likely to be taking part. Parents with children who are now in Years 2 and 3 are invited to give that indication by completing an application form for their child. Forms are available at the back of the church, or you can download them from <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/sacraments/>. It would help the planning of the new course if the completed forms could be returned by the end of May.

Priests' Training Fund – Thank you for your generosity to the Priests' Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Online donations can be made at rcdow.org.uk/donations. There is a wall box in the main porch marked for this appeal where you can deposit cash or cheques. (Please make cheques payable to "WRCDT".) You can also transfer funds to our parish account (details below), making sure to add "PTF" to the payment reference. If you donate by cash or cheque, or by transfer to our parish account, and you wish to Gift Aid your donation, you will need to complete the Gift Aid form on one of the special blue envelopes. Those envelopes, as well as the posters on the notice boards, have QR codes which you can scan to make an offering. The future of the Church in this diocese depends on these men; please be generous in supporting their preparation.

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 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 be made via the parish microsite, which you can access using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Gift Aid – The income of many people has been affected by the coronavirus in the past year. As we move into a new Tax Year, those who have completed Gift Aid declarations need to check that they have paid sufficient tax to cover all their Gift Aided donations. Please let us know if your contributions are no longer covered so that your donations may be excluded from our claim for a tax refund. If you would like to check how much you have donated, please get in touch. It is a great help to the parish to be able to claim that extra money from HMRC. 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. For more information, see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Booking for Mass – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other major feast days. Visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/> to access the online booking service. Please make sure that you select the Mass that you wish to attend. If you are unable to book online, you can also request a booking with a phone call to the parish number, or by email, saying which Mass you wish to attend and providing your contact details. Please let us know if you are not able to attend after booking a place. Booked places that are not claimed at the beginning of Mass may be reallocated. Those who come without booking will not be admitted if the building has reached its safe capacity. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for more information.

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.

Newsletter distribution – Don't forget that you can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. You can also receive a copy every week by email if you sign up for e-Alerts 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.

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.

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 Gałuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

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.

Marriage Registration – The regulations regarding the registration of marriages are changing from this week. You will no longer be able to obtain a marriage certificate from the church, either on the day of a wedding, or at any time thereafter. Certificates will only be available from the local Register Office or from the General Register Office. For more information, visit www.gov.uk/general-register-office.

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.

This Sunday's responses:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

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.