

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: £516.94;
envelopes: £545.50; total: £1062.44.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

At the Last Supper, Christ acknowledged the bond of unity that exists between him and his heavenly Father. He prayed for that same bond of unity among his apostles, as well as among all of us who come to believe in him through the witness of those apostles. The kind of unity that Christ prayed for is not something that is achieved merely through compromise, but rather the kind of unity that is achieved through love. Saint Stephen, whose martyrdom is reported in today's first reading, was the first to give his life for his faith in Christ. He imitated his Master in love, even to the extent of praying for those who were bringing about his death. We look for the grace to reflect the love of Christ to those around us, so that we too may help to bring a greater spirit of unity in our divided world.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Catholic Communications – There is a retiring collection this weekend for the Catholic Communications Network which is the media office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It aims to support the Church with professional channels of communication so that the Gospel message may be promoted through the media on current issues.

First Holy Communion – The children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11:30am Mass next Sunday (9th June). Please be aware that the church will be more crowded than usual for that occasion. Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers at this special time.

Funeral, Caroline Kidd R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass for Bill Lethorn's daughter will be on Thursday 20th June at 11:00am, here at St Philip's. There will be no 10am Mass on that day. May she rest in peace.

Bob Atkinson R.I.P. – Efforts to trace Bob's next-of-kin have so far been unfruitful. If you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of his relatives, please let us know and we will pass on the information.

Parish Centenary 1919–2019 - Dates for your diaries:

- 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
- 26 Aug. Senior Parishioners' Tea Party
- 14 Sept. Jubilee Mass followed by buffet reception
- 5 Oct. International Food Fair

Parish Exhibition – We are planning to hold an exhibition to mark 100 years of our parish history, from 28-30 June. If you have any items that you would like included in the Exhibition, please leave them in the Repository at the back of the church, by next Sunday (9th June), marked with your name.

Churches Together in Finchley United Service for Pentecost, next Sunday, 9th June, 6:00pm, at St Mary-at-Finchley Church, Hendon Lane, N3. All are welcome.

Admissions to Reception Class – St Theresa's Catholic Primary School has places available for September 2019. There are also a small number of places available in other year groups. If you know of anyone who might be interested in a Catholic education for their children (even if they have already accepted a place or attend a school elsewhere) please ask them to contact the Office Manager, Mrs Orsi, on (020) 8346 8826.

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.

Polish Services – Information is available on the Polish-language website www.finchleyparish.co.uk, or email proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Gift Aid – As we move into a new Tax Year, it is time to check that you have paid sufficient tax to cover all of your Gift Aid donations for the past year. If not, please let us know, so that you can be excluded from our claim for a tax refund. Otherwise, HMRC may ask you to repay the tax that has been claimed.

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.

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 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/>

Mass with St Theresa's School children – The last group of children from St Theresa's School – Year 6 Red – will be joining us for our Friday 10:00am Mass on 21st June.

Children's Liturgy – Please encourage the children to come to the Meeting Room from 11:00am on Sunday to prepare for the Family Mass.

Planned Giving envelopes – If you haven't yet picked up your box of envelopes, they can be collected from the Priests House. 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 taxpayer, 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.

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 for information or to apply, or email 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.)

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/>