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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: envelopes: £521.83;
loose: £477.45; total: £999.28.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Second Reading is undoubtedly the most popular reading chosen by couples for their wedding service. That is hardly surprising, with all its references to love. But the love of which St Paul speaks in that passage has little to do with romantic attraction or the exclusive love between two people. He is referring rather to the all-embracing love of Christ and the various attributes by which we reflect that love to each other – patience and kindness; a readiness to forgive and to seek what is true; a sense of hope. That gift of love is the one gift that endures, because it not only sustains us through all the challenges of this life, but also leads us towards an experience of the fullness of God's love in his eternal kingdom.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Children's Liturgy – As the Family Mass now starts half an hour earlier, the session for the children before that Mass now begins at 11:00am in the Meeting Room. Please encourage the children to attend that session to help them prepare for the Mass.

Joe Brohan R.I.P. – After serving as Site Manager at St Theresa's School for a quarter of a century, Joe died last week after a long period of ill-health. His Funeral Mass will be at St Mary's Church in East Finchley this Tuesday (5th February) at 10:00am. May he rest in peace.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Sat. 8 June at 3pm. For couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary. Please let us have the following details: husband & wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email) by 17th March.

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

Baptism Preparation – The next session for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on Monday 25th February at 8pm in the Meeting Room. Please complete a blue application form (available in the rack in the main porch) before attending the meeting.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes, N12 is still accepting applications for Nursery for September 2019 and offers both 15 and 30 hours free childcare. If your child was born between 01/04/16 and 31/03/17 please see the website for an application form or contact the school office on 0208 346 1681.

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.

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.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Planned Giving envelopes – There are still a number of unclaimed boxes of envelopes. They can be collected from the Priests House any morning during the week. 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.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Processional Prayer Vigil, Saturday 16th February, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Brixton Road, SW9 0TQ. Mass at 9am; procession to Marie Stopes Brixton Centre; return for shared lunch. See poster or www.helpersuk.org.

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/>

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.

Are you paying less tax? If you are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover your Gift Aid donations, HMRC may ask you to repay the shortfall. Please let us know if you are no longer able to Gift Aid your offerings to the parish and we will exclude you from our tax claim. If you are paying sufficient tax but have not yet completed a declaration for the money you give to the parish either by numbered envelope or by banker's

order, please complete one of the Gift Aid forms available in the main porch. We can then reclaim the tax paid on those offerings. Claims can be backdated by up to four years.