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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)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £211.04;
envelopes: £389.00; candles: £71.31.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

27th Sunday of the Year – 3rd October 2021

Dear Parishioners,

As we try to find our way out of the pandemic that has had such a massive impact on the lives of all of us, Pope Francis has issued an invitation for us to reflect on how we can best rebuild our lives and our world in the years ahead. We have a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent this weekend in which he talks about the 'Synodal process' that will be starting in the coming weeks. Over the next couple of years, we have an opportunity to respond to that invitation from Pope Francis. As a starting point, it is good for us to think about our experiences during these very unusual 18 months that we have come through, to reflect on some of the positive influences we have seen, such as the ways in which people have supported each other in a time of crisis. We also have to address the negative impact that we have endured, which may not be easy to overcome. It is a time to explore the strengths and the weaknesses that we have discovered in ourselves, and in those around us, during this time, so that we can support each other in rebuilding our future, in an environment of faith, hope and love.

May God bless you all,
Fr John Dermody.

Pastoral Letter – The Cardinal's Pastoral Letter, which will be read at all Masses this weekend, will also be available on the Diocesan website, via the following link: - <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/>

Sunday Coffee – Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass every Sunday. All are welcome.

Confirmation – We apologise for the postponement of the first session of the Confirmation course at short notice last weekend, due to a Covid-19 infection. The course is now planned to start next Saturday (9th October) with a meeting for candidates and their parents in the Parish Centre at 4:45pm. Parents are only expected to attend for the first 20 minutes or so of the meeting, but are invited to rejoin the candidates for the 6:30pm Mass. Let us keep these families in our prayers at this important time.

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 hymn 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.

First Holy Communion – The first meeting for parents of children who are about to start the First Holy Communion programme will be this Thursday (7th October) at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Information about the rest of the course will be provided at that meeting, so it is important that at least one parent of each child should attend. The children will have their first workshop next Saturday at 11am. Parents who submitted applications have all been contacted by email. The course is now full, so no further applications can be accepted.

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

Saturday 2nd October, 10:00am – Maria Cristina RIP Anniv.
6:30pm – Mary Matthews RIP Anniv.

Sunday 3rd October, 9:30am – John Shaw RIP Anniv.
11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 4th October, 10:00am – Martin Keane RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 5th October, 10:00am – Trajano Pereira RIP Anniv.

Thursday 7th October, 10:00am – Michael Cunningham RIP Anniv.

Friday 8th October, 10:00am – Edith Rusbridge RIP Anniv.

Saturday 9th October, 10:00am – Margaret Maree RIP Anniv.
6:30pm – Arnel Sahagun RIP Anniv.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Climate Crisis Appeal – CAFOD's partners are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. Following the Harvest Fast Day on Friday, you are invited to donate in one of the following ways: use one of the special envelopes available in the porch; place offerings in one of the CAFOD wall boxes in the main church porch; or give online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to the online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for the emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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.) Debit and credit card donations can be made via the parish microsite, which you can access at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

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.

Newsletter distribution – Don't forget that 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.

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.

CAFOD Schools volunteers needed – Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? No experience necessary. Full support and regular training provided. There is a particular need for volunteers to visit schools in Hertfordshire, Ealing, Brent, Hounslow and Camden. If you are interested in these volunteer roles, please contact Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162.

Cardinal Vaughan Open Evenings - there is no need to book. *Year 12 Open Evenings* - Thursday 7th and Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 5.00pm. The Head will speak at 5.00pm. The last tour of the school will be at 6.00pm. For more information, visit www.cvms.co.uk.

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.

This Sunday's responses:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: **May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

As long as we love one another

God will live in us

and his love will be complete in us.

Alleluia!

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.