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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 7:30pm (Easter Vigil)

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: £157.20;

envelopes: £324.00; candles: £87.82.

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 4th April 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The first indication that Our Lord's disciples had of his resurrection was an empty tomb which, by itself, was inconclusive evidence. Mary Magdalene, who was the first to reach the tomb on the Sunday morning, thought that someone had taken Christ's body away, which added to her sense of grief at his death. It was the Beloved Disciple who began to look at the scene with the eyes of faith, and reached the conclusion that eventually became clear to all of the disciples when the Risen Lord appeared to them, spoke with them and ate with them. It took time for all of them to experience the joy of what had happened in their midst.

This Easter, we remain restricted in the ways in which we can express our joy at the Resurrection of the Lord. As we experience the first tentative steps in the easing of our lockdown, we share with the apostles as their hope began to increase. They remained hesitant until their courage was boosted by the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We look for that same Spirit to help us as we move cautiously towards rebuilding our lives once again, recognising that the Risen Lord remains present with each one of us, encouraging us as we seek the right path.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Covid-19 Safety – We are able to continue our schedule of Masses, but we have to keep to the safety measures that have been put in place:

- Make sure you book for each Mass you wish to attend, either on the online service or by email or phone;
- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are in the church (apart from when receiving Holy Communion or if you have an exemption);
- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;
- Maintain a social distance from those outside your household group (or support bubble) at all times;

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. Don't leave any used copies behind in the church.

- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and avoid unnecessary movement within the church;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

Bank Holiday Monday – Masses will be at their usual times in the coming week, including the 10:00am Mass on Easter Monday. You don't need to book a place for the weekday Masses, but numbers are still restricted by the safe capacity of the church.

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

Saturday 3rd Apr, 7:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 4th Apr, 9:30am – Mary Landucci (Intention)

11:30am – Joan Ballinger (Intention)

Monday 5th Apr, 10:00am – Fr Gerard Balinnya (Intention)

Tuesday 6th Apr, 10:00am – Dirce Acuti RIP (Anniv)

Thursday 8th Apr, 10:00am – Fr John Dermody (Intention)

Friday 9th Apr, 10:00am – Dixon Family R.I.P.

Saturday 10th Apr, 10:00am – Andrew Knight

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Anthony Hewson R.I.P. – Tony would have been celebrating his 101st birthday this week but, sadly, he died last year just a few weeks after his 100th birthday. Two memorial events are taking place to mark his birthday and the anniversary of his death: this Wednesday (7th April) an online event is taking place on Zoom at 11:00am to share memories of Tony. If you would like to join, please email Janet Hewson on janetrhewson@gmail.com. The second event will be a Mass, here at St Philip's, on Monday 26th April at 12 noon. If you would like to come to that Mass, please book a place using the booking service on our parish microsite.

Church offerings – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." Envelopes may also be placed in the wooden box at the front of the church. 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 reach the end of the 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. It is a great help to the parish to be able to claim that extra money from HMRC. If you are a taxpayer, 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 our parish microsite, at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Booking for Mass – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other major feast days. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as to keep records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. Visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/> to access the online booking service. 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. The information supplied will be deleted 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. Those who come without booking will not be admitted if the building has reached its safe capacity. For up-to-date information, see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/>. If you are not able to attend after booking a place for Mass, please let us know by email or phone, so that your place may be reallocated.

Our Lady of Lourdes School, Bow Lane, is still accepting applications for **Nursery** for the Academic Year starting September 2021, for children born between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019. Contact the office, or visit the school website <https://www.ololbarnetschool.org.uk/> for more information.

Chorister opportunities – Westminster Cathedral Choir School is recruiting boys currently in Year 2 or 3 who have musical potential and might consider becoming choristers at Westminster Cathedral. See the website at <http://www.choirschool.com/> or contact Lucy Auger at lauger@choirschool.com or (020) 7798 9081.

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 Gatuszka, 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.

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.

Easter Sunday responses:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
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.