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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: £200.13;
envelopes: £277.70; candles: £72.61.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th July 2021

Dear Parishioners,

When Jesus returned to the town of Nazareth where he had grown up, the people were astonished by his wisdom and the signs that he worked. They asked the question, "Where did the man get all this?" but they didn't seem particularly interested in the answer to that question. They simply dismissed him as the son of a carpenter. The attitude of those people who thought they knew him seemed to take Jesus by surprise, so much so that his ministry among them was very brief.

All too often, we tend to put people into neat categories and then judge them according to what we expect in those categories. The result is that we can stifle creativity, enthusiasm and inspiration.

The Holy Spirit works among us in many different ways, and sometimes in ways that we least expect. We have to avoid judging people according to stereotyped expectations. Much has been said about the 'new normal' over the past year, even though none of us yet knows how the reality of our lives is going to evolve in the coming months and years. What is clear is that we need to remain open to the signs of the Holy Spirit at work among us, even if those signs appear in unlikely places.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

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

Saturday 3rd July, 10:00am – Kevin Bracken RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Ralph Torre RIP

Sunday 4th July, 9:30am – People of the Parish

11:30am – Cyril Dias RIP Anniv.

Monday 5th July, 10:00am – George Luesley RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 6th July, 10:00am – Michael Paul RIP Anniv.

Thursday 8th July, 10:00am – Elizabeth Syron RIP Anniv.

Friday 9th July, 10:00am – Paulo Marino RIP Anniv.

Saturday 10th July, 10:00am – Bernard Bradley RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Joseph Scully RIP Anniv.

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.

Peter's Pence – This collection enables the Holy Father to provide relief for some of the most needy people in the world. Donations can be placed in the wall box marked for that purpose in the main porch, or you can donate online at <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/dona.html>.

Sea Sunday – Next Sunday (11th July) is Sea Sunday when we acknowledge the work of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) in caring for the practical and spiritual needs of seafarers who arrive at British ports. You can support their work with an online donation at <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate/> or use one of the special envelopes that are available in the church porch.

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.

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 one from <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/sacrament/s/>. The forms that have already been received give a helpful indication of demand for the course, but applications are still welcomed.

Confirmation – We are also aiming to begin the new Confirmation programme next term. Applications are invited from those who are currently in Year 8 (or above) and who have been attending St Philip's Church regularly. Forms are available at the back of the church, or they can be downloaded from the parish microsite (same link as in the previous item).

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/>.

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.

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.

Mass with children from St Theresa's School – On Tuesday this week (6th July), we have the final group of children from St Theresa's School joining us for the weekday Mass. This time, it will be the children from Years 3 and 4. The front benches will be reserved for the children and school staff, but anyone is welcome to come and sit in the remaining seats.

St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School is recruiting - The Governors are seeking to appoint a Caretaker Team Leader to manage the day-to-day running of the caretaking function of the school. Closing date: Wednesday 7th July 2021 at midday - interviews will take place week commencing 12th July. A Support Staff application form and the job description are available on the school website. Please send completed applications to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk

CAFOD donations for India - As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, *Caritas India*, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

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.

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.

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 Microsite upgrade – Every parish in the Archdiocese of Westminster has a microsite, linked to the diocesan website. The format and some of the features on each of the microsites are the same across the diocese. The rest of the content is unique for each parish. On Tuesday this week (6th July), the diocese is upgrading all of the parish microsites, so they will have a new look and will also be able to provide new features. If you haven't already seen our microsite, you can find it via the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/>.

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: **Our eyes are on the Lord
till he show us his mercy.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
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.