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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

11:30am

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 11:00-11:30am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £158.15

envelopes: £206.00; candles: £46.59.

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

27th Sunday of the Year – 4th October 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The coronavirus pandemic has affected the lives of every one of us in some way. For some of us, it has been an inconvenience. For those who live in parts of the world where they don't have a freely available health service, and where there is no coherent social, economic or political structure, the effects are devastating. This Friday is the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. It is a day when we seek to share our relative good fortune with some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world, to help them *survive, rebuild and heal* – the motto of this year's Fast Day. We are not able to hold our normal CAFOD retiring collection, but you will see below some of the options for giving support to CAFOD and their partners in providing support for our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – There are a number of ways in which you can donate to the work of CAFOD and their partners:

- Online at cafod.org.uk/give
- Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10 from your phone account (*standard SMS fee also applies*)
- Transfer to our parish account [*details in the next column*] adding the reference CAFOD to your payment
- Place cash or cheques in the CAFOD wall box in the main porch (under the CAFOD poster). *Please make cheques payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle"*
- If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special envelopes from the church porch. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection box or in the letter-box of the Priests House.

NHS COVID-19 app - Check in at the church, by scanning the QR code in the church porch with the app. 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.

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.

Covid-19 Safety – To maintain safety in the church, please follow these guidelines:

- 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);
- 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;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid close contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

Booking for Mass – Booking is now essential for Sunday Masses and is also highly recommended for Masses during the week. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as keeping records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. You can use the online booking service at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/>. If you are unable to access the online service, you can also book with a phone call to the parish number, by email or in writing, 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. Check the parish microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for up-to-date information.

First Holy Communion – The children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:00am Saturday morning Mass for the next three Saturdays. Let us keep them, and their families, in our prayers at this time. Please note that space will be very limited for others to join those Masses, so it will be important to use the booking service. The new First Holy Communion course will not begin before January.

Confirmation – The young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at special Masses on two Sundays in November.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) – For the next three Saturdays, Confessions will be at the later time of 11:00-11:30am. They take place in the Weekday Chapel.

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 also be made via the parish microsite, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>

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

Saturday 3rd Oct, 10:00am – Holy Souls

6:30pm – Hanora Hughes RIP Anniv.

Sunday 4th Oct, 9:30am – Martin Keane RIP Anniv.

11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 5th Oct, 10:00am – Trajano Pereira RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 6th Oct, 10:00am – Edith Rusbridge RIP Anniv.

Thursday 8th Oct, 10:00am – Michael Cunningham RIP Anniv.

Friday 9th Oct, 10:00am – Margaret Daly RIP Anniv.

Saturday 10th Oct, 10:00am – First Holy Communion Mass
6:30pm – People of the Parish

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.

Finchley Catholic High School will not be able to host prospective parents and pupils onto the school site this year, but videos and FAQs are available on the school website, <https://www.finchleycatholic.org.uk/>, where you will also find a dedicated email address for admissions-related questions.

Supporting St Theresa's School – St Theresa's Catholic Primary School serves the children of our parish. It is a happy, caring community with a dedicated staff striving to do the best for the children in their care. We need a volunteer to join the Board of Governors. Serving on behalf of the Archdiocese of Westminster, you would work alongside the other eleven members of the Board to make key strategic decisions for the school. Importantly, you do not need a background in education or to have children of school age. We need an enthusiastic individual with a keen interest in education and wisdom aplenty. Meetings take place once a month and are currently held virtually. If you would like to know more, please contact the Chair of Governors, Seamus McKenna, by email at: jmckenna16.302@lgflmail.org. You would be very welcome to join our team!

Family Fast Day Online Mass - you are invited to join CAFOD online this Friday 9th October in prayer for those affected by COVID-19 in developing countries and in thanksgiving for our supporters here in the UK. For further information, see the web page <http://cafod.org.uk/fastday>. Please pray for all those affected.

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.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax-payer, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. A Gift Aid declaration can now be completed by email. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> provides details of what is required.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
Because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
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.