

St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End

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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: loose: £516.15;
envelopes: £518.50; total: £1034.65.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

Following on from the big festivals of Christmas and Easter, there is a tendency for us to get back into our daily routine and the celebrations are quickly forgotten. After Christ's death and resurrection, it seems that some of the apostles also chose to get back into their familiar routine as a group of them set off fishing. But their efforts were fruitless until they responded to the invitation from the unrecognised Christ on the shore to go against their instincts and try again. Their massive catch of fish prompted them to realise that they needed the Lord's help for whatever they were going to do. As they shared a meal with Christ on the shore, they saw that their routine would now be different. As the Lord shares himself with us in the Eucharist, we also realise our need for his guidance in everything that we do, so that we may find the best path for us through the challenges of life.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Funeral, Margaret Hackett R.I.P. – Margaret's funeral is on Thursday (9th May) at 10:00am. May she rest in peace.

Centenary Walk – The walk through some of the less familiar parts of Finchley begins on Sunday 19th May at 1:00pm at East Finchley tube station. This Thursday (9th May), at 7:30pm, we have an illustrated talk in the Parish Centre, highlighting some of the places which will be included on the walk. See the leaflets for more information, or visit the Centenary page on the parish website.

Confirmation Group – The next session for the Confirmation candidates is next Saturday (11th May) in the Parish Centre at 4:45pm.

Holy Rosary – During May, the Rosary is recited before Mass every weekday morning, commencing at 9:30am. Volunteers are needed to lead each morning. If you can help, please add your name to the notice at the side entrance. For more information, contact Margaret, (020) 8349 1219, or Veronica, (020) 8922 0351.

Visit to Manor House – The second visit will be on Sunday 2nd June, 2:30pm. As space is limited, there is a maximum of 25 participants. For security reasons, names and contact details will be required in advance. Booking forms are available in the main porch, and must be returned by 20th May. Sorry, there will be NO admission on the day without prior booking. Car parking on site is extremely limited and restricted to Blue Badge holders only. Please add car registration number to booking form.

Parish Centenary 1919–2019 - Dates for your diaries

- 4 May Patronal Feast – Variety Show with refreshments
- 9 May Slide show highlighting parts of Centenary Walk
- 19 May Centenary Walk (starting at East Finchley station)
- 2 June Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started
- 28-30 June Flower Festival plus exhibition
- 29 June Strawberry Tea in Parish Centre
- 14 July Children's Picnic / Games in Stephens House Gardens (Avenue House) following the 11:30am Family Mass
- 26 Aug. Senior Parishioners' Tea Party
- 14 Sept. Jubilee Mass followed by buffet reception
- 5 Oct. International Food Fair
- 8 Nov. Choir Musical Evening

Mass with St Theresa's School children – This term, we have classes from St Theresa's School joining us at Saint Philip's for a few of our Friday morning Masses. This Friday (10th May), the children from Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in the 10:00 Mass.

The **Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem** (Westminster Section) are holding their Spring Mass this year at St Philip's on Saturday 18th May at 12 noon. All are welcome.

Churches Together in Finchley United Service for Pentecost, Sunday 9th June, 6:00pm, at St Mary-at-Finchley Church, Hendon Lane, N3. All are welcome.

Mass for Migrant People – Bank Holiday Monday (6th May), Westminster Cathedral, SW1P 1LT. Gathering 9am; Procession at 10am; Mass begins at 10:30am.

Westminster Cathedral Guided Tour, Wednesday 15th May. Meet 1:00pm at North Finchley Bus Station or at the Bookshop inside the Cathedral at 2:15pm. For more details, contact Anne, (020) 8365 2381.

The **Catenians of North London** have expressed their gratitude for the support of their Italian Evening on 23rd March which raised £720 to advance Catholic education for poor children in Mumbai. Thanks are offered on behalf of those children.

Volunteers requested – The SVP in East Finchley support a weekly soup kitchen at the Baptist Church in Muswell Hill. They are looking for more volunteers to help. No experience required. More information on request.

Do you have public speaking skills? Want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD wants to recruit volunteers in this diocese to promote its work for justice and redevelopment. Volunteers are needed with public speaking skills and the ability to work with, and coordinate, small teams of volunteers locally. There is a volunteer day at the CAFOD office near Lambeth North station next Saturday (11th May). For information, contact Tony on (020) 8449 6970 or tsheen@cafod.org.uk.

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.

Gift Aid – As we move into a new Tax Year, it is time to check that you have paid sufficient tax to cover all of your Gift Aid donations for the past year. If not, please let us know, so that you can be excluded from our claim for a tax refund. Otherwise, HMRC may ask you to repay the tax that has been claimed.

Children's Liturgy – Please encourage the children to come to the Meeting Room from 11:00am on Sunday to prepare for the Family Mass.

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

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.

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

Planned Giving envelopes – If you haven't yet picked up your box of envelopes, they can be collected from the Priests House. 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.

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.

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/>