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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 10:30am-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £352.15;
envelopes: £255.00; candles: £137.13.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It is an event unprecedented in British history, and one which has clearly prompted a great outpouring of joy and appreciation. Most of us have never had the chance to speak to the Queen, and yet she has seemed a part of our lives for all these decades, sharing her encouragement and her faith, through good times and bad.

This Sunday is also the Solemnity of Pentecost, which marks the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, the Spirit which enabled them to go out and share the Good News of the redeeming love of Christ. Just as most of us have not had a chance to meet the Queen, none of us have had the chance for a face-to-face conversation with the Holy Spirit, but that Spirit is nevertheless present within each one of us, drawing us into an experience of the love of the Trinity, and helping us to reach out to reflect that love to those around us.

Today we pray for Queen Elizabeth, giving thanks for her years of faithful service to her people, and praying that she will continue to offer her encouragement and inspiration. We also pray for an openness for each one of us to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that we too may help to bring encouragement and inspiration to those around us, as we seek to rebuild our lives, and respond to the opportunities that are presented to us, as we emerge from the experience of the pandemic.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Prayer for the Queen – At the end of each Mass this weekend, we will be offering a special prayer for Queen Elizabeth on her Platinum Jubilee. You can find the text of the prayer on the reverse of this newsletter, including the responses for the introductory dialogue.

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

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

Saturday 4th June, 10:00am – Agnes Fogarty RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Annie McFadden RIP

Sunday 5th June, 9:30am – Rebecca Quansah - Intention

11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 6th June, 10:00am – Artemisia Alzapiedi RIP

Tuesday 7th June, 10:00am – Michael McDonagh RIP Anniv.

Thursday 9th June, 10:00am – Margaret Bracken RIP Anniv.

Friday 10th June, 10:00am – Raphael Kamanu RIP Anniv.

Saturday 11th June, 10:00am – Michael Norbury RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Gertrude Galon RIP Anniv.

Mary Clohessy R.I.P. – We received the sad news of Mary's death this week. Mary attended Mass on most days of the week. She has now been called to share in the fullness of God's love. Funeral arrangements will be notified when they are arranged. May she rest in peace.

Churches Together at Pentecost – This Sunday (5th June), there is a United Service at St Mary-at-Finchley Church in Hendon Lane, N3 1TS, at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

Ukraine Humanitarian Aid – Donations to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal can be made via their website - <https://www.dec.org.uk/>. Other voluntary groups are helping to provide relief in areas that are not reached by the main charities. #WeAreUkraine is one such group, run in coordination with Ukraine Charity Fund. For more information about that group, see the poster in the church porch. You can donate towards their work on their Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/weareukraine>.

Bible Reading sessions – come and join us in the Parish meeting room on Monday evenings at 7.30pm-9pm. For more information please contact Anne on 07986 587424 or (020) 8365 2381.

Mothers' Prayer Group – continues to gather on Thursdays, after the morning Mass, at 10.30am in the Meeting Room.

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.) For more information, see: <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.

Baptism Preparation – The next preparation meeting for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on Thursday 16th June at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Please complete and return a blue application form (available at the back of the church) before attending the meeting.

Our Lady of Lourdes School - in Bow Lane, N12, is still accepting applications to its Nursery for September 2022. If your child was born between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020 please apply. All information can be found on the school website <http://www.ololbarnschool.org.uk>

The paradox of abundance - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023 are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5. Parents should ensure that they read the Admissions Policy prior to making an application and provide the original Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by their Parish Priest by the closing date of 4pm on Tuesday 5 July 2022. Applications can be made through the online system, which you can be found via the following link: <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24/>.

La Sainte Union School warmly welcome any Ukrainian families - La Sainte Union School warmly welcome any Ukrainian families looking for a school place. We have several Ukrainian students joining us already, and we have made places available for students to start immediately. Please email admissions@lsu.camden.sch.uk or call the school directly 0207 428 4600.

Loreto College (St Albans) Centenary Garden Party - on Sunday 10th July 2022 12pm to 6pm (last admission 5pm). Admission £5.00 per person (FREE entry for children aged 5 and under), there will be live music by the popular local band *Soulfish*, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. For ticket page and more information at www.loreto.herts.sch.uk.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. CSAN, which is addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

Foreign Coins – If you have any foreign coins that you no longer need, or any coins that have ceased to be legal tender, you can place them in the designated wall-box in the main porch (near the Repository door). They will be passed onto the North London Hospice to support their work of palliative and end-of-life care. Please avoid putting foreign, or out-of-date, coins in any of the other boxes.

The Universe Catholic Weekly - is thrilled to announce the launch of their new online newspaper with the full support of first subscriber, His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. To order your free Digital trial supply or a subscription offer is only £20.00 for 13 issues! Call 07436 617650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral - is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date 19 June 2022. For further details please see <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-look-for-an-organising-secretary/>

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.

Polish Services – For information about Polish services, visit the Polish-language website <http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk/>. Contact Fr Marek Galuszka at mgaluszka2@gmail.com or 07984 293753.

Newsletter distribution – You can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish microsite. 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.

Prayer for the Queen

This prayer will be recited at the end of each Mass this weekend.

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.
R. **And hear us on the day we call upon you.**

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. **And let my cry come before you.**

V. The Lord be with you.
R. **And with your spirit.**

Almighty God, we pray,
that your servant Elizabeth our Queen, who,
by your providence has received the governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil
and, being blessed with your favour
may, with the royal family,
come at last into your presence,
through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life
and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.