

## St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End

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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 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £95.25;

envelopes: £360.00; candles: £40.15.

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

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The Book of Job is the story of a virtuous man who suffered a great deal. His friends all shared a view that was common at the time, that suffering is the direct result of sin. That attitude didn't do much for their bedside manner!

It was an attitude that clearly wasn't promoted by Christ, who came to bring healing as well as forgiveness of sin. Many of the people who came to Our Lord with their ailments were looking for a 'quick fix,' but he was looking to heal people's hearts as well as their bodies. When Jesus healed Simon Peter's mother-in-law of her fever, she responded by immediately placing herself at the service of others, an example that Our Lord wanted others to follow.

In the midst of the present pandemic, it is the goal of leaders of several nations, including the UK, to ensure the vaccination of as many of their citizens as possible against Covid-19. Meanwhile, in other parts of the world, many countries are unable to obtain vaccine for even a small proportion of those who are most at risk from the coronavirus.

Suffering is not necessarily the direct result of sin, but we do have to ask ourselves whether we could do more to prevent or ease the suffering of others. God has provided us with gifts, but it is up to us how we choose to make use of them.

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);
- 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.

**Booking for Mass** – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other 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. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for up-to-date information. 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.

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

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:00am – Benefactors (SCNCF)

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9:30am – Mario Marchini RIP

11:30am – MaryAnn Creagh RIP

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:00am – Joe Mendonca RIP

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:00am – John Killick RIP

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:00am – Lourdes De Souza RIP

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:00am – Catherine Atkinson RIP (Anniv)

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:00am – Elizabeth Ferreira RIP (Anniv)

6:30pm – Mario Marchini RIP (Anniversary)

**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** – 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. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for details of the information that is required.

**Ash Wednesday** – Lent begins on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. We have Mass on that day at 10:00am and 7:30pm. Please note that, because of Covid-19 safety measures, ashes will not be distributed at those Masses. If you wish to attend, please book a place on the parish microsite. Bookings will open on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

**Charities** – Many charities have struggled over the past year, unable to raise funds in their traditional ways. A selection of the charities that we have supported over the years are listed on the Charities page of our parish microsite, together with information about how you can help them now. Please consider choosing one to support. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/charities/> for more information.

**Caritas Volunteer Fair “Step Forward in Love”** – Online event, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 11am-1pm. Whether you want to try volunteering for the first time, or are looking for a new role, come and find out what volunteering opportunities are out there at the moment. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caritas-volunteer-fair-tickets-135713539851>.

**Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent** – As Lent approaches, CAFOD suggests walking 10,000 steps, either on one day or every day during Lent, as a sign of solidarity with those who do not have access to a safe water source, and have to walk to get water every day. Find more information, or to sign up online, at [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk).

**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](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk) or email [mgaluszka2@gmail.com](mailto:mgaluszka2@gmail.com). The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**Offertory envelopes** – New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes are available for those who have been using them recently. If you wish to continue using envelopes, and have not yet received your new box, please let us know.

**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.

**EU Settlement Scheme** – Citizens of countries in the EU or EEA or Switzerland, who were resident in the UK by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, have to register under the EU Settlement Scheme if they wish to remain in the UK after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. If you would like more information, you will find links on the News page of our parish microsite, at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/>.

### **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: **Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me  
will have the light of life.**

**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.