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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 9:30am (Sung Mass)
11:30am (Family Mass)

Weekday Mass: 10:00am
(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £178.07;
envelopes: £259.35; candles: £208.67.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 7th May 2023 *Parish Mass Book - page 265*

Dear Parishioners,

As the number of disciples increased steadily in the early Church, the pastoral needs of that growing number also grew. The apostles had no hesitation in responding to those needs by establishing the ministry of deacon, but it became apparent fairly quickly that the work undertaken by at least a couple of those deacons expanded to include evangelisation as well as pastoral care.

The world continues to change at an accelerating pace, and the pastoral and social needs that we experience also continue to evolve. Like the apostles, we need to be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, to recognise how we can respond to those changing needs, using the gifts that God has entrusted to us.

St Peter referred to the followers of Christ as living stones making up a spiritual house, built on the foundations laid down by the apostles. Christ is the corner stone of that dwelling. His love provides the essential support for all that we do in his name. Each of us has a part to play in building up that spiritual house, so that we can support each other in a constantly changing environment.

This weekend, we celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. It is a special moment for each one of us. We pray for the King, recognising that he relies on each one of us to help him in fulfilling his pledge to draw together people of different backgrounds, so that we can face the future together in a spirit of hope.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Coronation of King Charles III – We pray for King Charles as he is anointed and crowned as our monarch. There are special prayer cards in the church porch, which you are invited to take to share in that prayer.

Strawberry Tea – Come and celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Monday (8th May) at 3:00pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets cost £5 each (children under 5 free), and are available after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Proceeds will go to the Finchley Foodbank.

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

Saturday 6th May, 10:00am – Fr Henry Young RIP

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 7th May, 9:30am – Joseph Raymond Keenan RIP

11:30am – Margaret & Tim Hackett RIP

Monday 8th May, 10:00am – Bridget McParland RIP

Tuesday 9th May, 10:00am – Trajano Pereira RIP

Thursday 11th May, 10:00am – Henry McNicholas RIP

Friday 12th May, 10:00am – Tony Hewson RIP

Saturday 13th May, 10:00am – Veronica Lang RIP

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Priest Training Fund – Donations to this Fund can still be made online at www.PriestTrainingFund.org.uk, or in the designated wall box in the main porch of the church. You can also use one of the special envelopes, which are available in the church porch. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the form on the envelope, or use the online service.

Sunday Coffee – Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre between the two Masses on Sunday morning. All are welcome.

Children's Sunday Liturgy – Children of primary school age meet in the Meeting Room (via the Weekday Chapel) at 11:25am on Sundays, and rejoin their families at the Offertory of the 11:30 Mass. Please encourage the children to participate. For further information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.

The Holy Rosary – Each weekday morning during the month of May (apart from Wednesdays) at 9:30am, the Rosary is recited in the church. If you can spare the time, even for one day a week, please join us to make this a vibrant prayer group! If you would like to lead the Rosary on any morning during May, please add your name to the rota on the board at the side entrance. For more information, contact Veronica at veronicadevine@ymail.com or 07857 303006.

Bible Reading Meeting – Bible discussion meeting, fortnightly on Monday at 7:30pm, in the Parish Meeting Room. The next meeting is this Monday (8th May). For more information, contact Anne on (020) 8365 2381 or 07986 587424. Everyone is welcome.

Mothers' Prayers – This group meets on Thursday mornings, at 10:30am in the Meeting Room.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service – Caritas Social Action Network, with St John of God Hospitaller Services, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Take one of the leaflets in the church porch or visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

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. There is more information on our parish microsite. If you prefer, you can complete one of the paper forms available in the rack in the church porch. To be included in a Gift Aid claim, donations must be made by numbered envelope, by cheque or by electronic payment. If you have made a Gift Aid declaration in the past, but are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover your donations, please let us know.

Church offerings – It has been a great support for the parish that many people have been donating directly to our parish bank account. You can make a transfer from your own account, or set up a regular Standing Order, via online or mobile banking, or at a branch, using the following details:

Payee: WRCDT Finchley Church End

Sort code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 11094599

(It is classed as a 'business' account.)

Debit or credit card donations can be made via the microsite,

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>,

where you can also set up a Direct Debit for regular payments. Numbered envelopes can still be used to make your weekly offering. Please ask if you would like to start using envelopes. Donations for the parish may be placed in the designated wall box in the main porch, or in the wooden box at the front of the church. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT Finchley Church End." Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Divine Mercy Retreat at St Agnes RC Church, 35 Cricklewood Lane, NW2 1HR, on Saturday 20th May, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information

Opera Integra presents A Coronation Concert, at St Edward the Confessor Church, Golders Green, Saturday 20th May, 7:30pm. The programme will be drawn from operas concerning kings and queens, both historical and fictitious. Tickets cost £18, including a glass of wine or soft drink in the interval. More information from <https://operaintegra.org.uk/>.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – This year's pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land will be led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November. Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost: £2265 per person sharing; £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. Book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours, 01732 886666, or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office, 020 7798 9173.

Our Lady of Lourdes School (OLOL) - 50 children from OLOL took part in the 2023 TCS Mini London Marathon last month, and the Executive Head of OLOL (and St Theresa's School), Barbara Costa, and the Head of School, Heather Kilcommons, completed the London Marathon. Together they are fundraising for the NSPCC and would appreciate any donations, to ensure that children have the knowledge and understanding to be able to speak out and get help. Donations can still be made via the following link - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ololweruntogethernspcc>.

Willing to help couples forge a lifelong loving relationship?

Marriage Care is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in a Catholic church, and is looking for new course facilitators. Training is provided, and volunteers will join the local centre. For more information, please call Karen on 0800 389 3801 (09:00-17:00, Mon-Thu) or visit the website at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>.

Polish Services – For information about Polish services, visit the Polish-language website <http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk/>.

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