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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: £211.02;
envelopes: £257.00; candles: £112.55.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

These days, we have a variety of technological systems available to monitor our homes so that we can sleep calmly at night, without worrying about any dangers that might be threatening. When Christ tells us that we should be alert for his coming, that doesn't mean that we need to lose any sleep waiting for him either. On the contrary, the more we are prepared for his coming, the more we can feel a sense of inner peace and calm.

The first generation of Christians believed that Christ would return soon, and definitely during their lifetime. Twenty centuries later, that expectation has long since disappeared, but we still need to be prepared, because each of us will have to face our own reckoning when our time in this world comes to an end, and we can never be sure when that might be. But that is not something to be unduly concerned about either. What we all seek is to be at peace with ourselves, with God and with those around us. Finding peace with ourselves means following our conscience, and making the choices which we sincerely believe to be the right ones, both for ourselves and for those around us. Being at peace with God means acknowledging the mistakes that we have made, and humbly seeking his forgiveness and reconciliation. Being at peace with others means recognising the dignity and the rights of every human being, seeking to overcome the influences that can cause divisions between us and others, and trying to bring reconciliation where differences exist.

The more we are able to find that sense of peace, the more we will be prepared for our encounter with the Lord when he invites us to share in the joy of his kingdom.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Funerals – This week we have two funerals. On Monday (8th), it is the funeral of **Julia Bristol RIP**, and on Tuesday (9th), that of **Carlo Solari RIP**. Both Masses will be at the usual time of 10:00am. Please also remember **John Cleary RIP** and **John Erskine RIP**, who died last week, and whose funerals are still to be finalised. We pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn their loss.

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

Saturday 6th August, 10:00am – William Collings RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Marian Peter Michel RIP Anniv.

Sunday 7th August, 9:30am – People of the Parish

11:30am – Sister Carmel (Intention)

Monday 8th August, 10:00am – **Funeral: Julia Bristol RIP**

Tuesday 9th August, 10:00am – **Funeral: Carlo Solari RIP**

Thursday 11th August, 10:00am – Margaret Trehy RIP

Friday 12th August, 10:00am – Anthony D'Cruz,

Naveen Anthonyamma RIP Anniv.

Saturday 13th August, 10:00am – Hubert & Mary Gilgunn (Int)

6:30pm – Constance Gore RIP Anniv.

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>.

Church offerings – As banks are becoming more reluctant to handle cash, and especially coins, we will not be resuming our offertory collection at Mass for the time being. It has been very helpful, over the past couple of years, that many parishioners have been donating directly to our parish bank account. If you have not done so already, you can simply make a transfer from your own account, or set up a regular Standing Order, 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. Those who have previously requested a box of envelopes can collect them before or after Mass. 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 St Philip the Apostle Finchley." Thank you for your continued support.

Gift Aid – Many thanks to those who have Gift Aided their donations to the parish. This year we have been able to reclaim for the parish £7817.98 of the tax you have paid. 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. To be included in a Gift Aid claim, donations must be made by numbered envelope, by cheque or by electronic payment.

Philippian Players – Many years ago, the parish had a thriving drama group, known as the Philippian Players which, for a variety of reasons, no longer exists. As part of a move to have more activities in the parish as we emerge from the pandemic, we are looking to revive the group. We need volunteers, people to act, help with music, sets, costumes, etc. with a view to putting on a panto or light-hearted play, either just before or after Christmas. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Jean-Marc Evans, on 07901 603076. No previous experience required. This won't be the Royal Shakespeare Company, but will hopefully be fun for all concerned.

Sunday Coffee – Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre every Sunday between the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. All are welcome.

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.

Security – Most people come to the church to pray but, occasionally, there are those who come to prey! Do take care of your personal possessions, and don't leave valuables unattended, including when you leave your seat to receive Holy Communion.

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.

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.

Parish Administrator – Stephanie Uwalaka has successfully applied for a post in the diocesan Safeguarding Department. Their gain is our loss. We wish Stephanie well in her new appointment. We are now seeking to recruit a new Parish Administrator. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/vacancy/> for more information.

The Queen's Green Canopy – Thanks to those who bought tickets for our Strawberry Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and to those who kindly donated food for the occasion, we made a profit from the event. It has been decided that the surplus will be donated for the planting of trees in deprived urban areas and schools. This will provide a lasting legacy from this unique occasion, to improve the quality of life in communities. We have funded 23 trees for this project, about which you can find out more at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>.

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 meets every Thursday at 10:30am in the Meeting Room.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 – In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales. The tour will include special events at Westminster Cathedral on the weekend of 3rd - 5th September. See the Cathedral website at <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/>, or the Tour website at <https://stbernadette.org.uk/> for more information.

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Thank you from CAFOD – Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

CAFOD Schools Volunteers needed – This summer, are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work, and to encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? Then why not use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty? Full support, resources and regular training provided.

CAFOD Schools Volunteers Coordinator needed – Are you interested in using your skills to help organise visits to primary and secondary schools across Westminster Diocese? Are you comfortable using databases and communicating with schools and other volunteers? Join CAFOD as a volunteer to support their busy schools programme. Some experience using databases and IT systems is required, but full support and training will be given.

If you are interested in either of the two volunteer roles above, please contact Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Westminster at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162 for further information.

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

