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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: £434.30;

envelopes: £437.50; total: £871.80.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

There has been understandable concern about the spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus, but the advice at the time of writing is that we don't need to make significant changes when it comes to liturgical practices such as the receiving of Holy Communion and the Sign of Peace. The one thing that we all need to be diligent about is hygiene, especially in the careful washing of our hands. Those who have symptoms of a cold or flu will probably choose not to receive Communion from the chalice, and might prefer not to make physical contact when exchanging the Sign of Peace. The situation is constantly changing and, when the advice that we receive is updated, we will respond appropriately. In the meantime, we just need to be sensible and to seek to take care of ourselves and each other.

May God bless you all.

Fr John Dermody.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day – Following the Lent Fast Day on Friday, there is a retiring collection after the Masses this weekend. If you are not able to make a donation today, please take one of the special envelopes and return it with your offering next week. Those who are able to Gift Aid their donation should complete the form on the envelope.

Funeral, Rose Blean R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass for Rose Blean will be this Thursday (12th March) at 10:00am. May she rest in peace.

Stations of the Cross – During Lent, we will meditate together on the Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings after the morning Mass at about 10:25am.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020 – During Lent, we will be raising money for Cardinal Vincent's appeal to support three different areas of need: Marriage and Family Life; Youth and Evangelisation; and the Church's Service in Society. Money can be placed in the marked wall box in the main porch. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special envelopes that are available in the porch. Those envelopes also provide details of how to give online or make a regular donation to the Appeal.

Good Friday Passion Play will be on again this year. Volunteers are needed to take part in speaking and non-speaking parts. Rehearsals will be on March 15th & 29th and April 5th, 2-4pm in the Parish Centre, and possibly an evening rehearsal on April 8th. Please contact Jean-Marc Evans on 07901 603076, or Christine Fleming, if you can make it or for more details.

Putting God First is the title of the Lent course that is being used this year by Churches Together in Finchley. Details of the sessions are shown on the posters in the church porch and on the leaflets available nearby.

Finchley Council of Christians and Jews (FCCJ) Meeting – on Thursday March 12th 2.30pm-4pm at Finchley Progressive Synagogue, 56 Hutton Grove N12 8DR (with car park), speaker Sarah Derriey showing and telling the amazing story of the historic Czech scrolls - refreshments will be served. For more information, call Anne on 07986587424.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony – Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th May, 3pm. Couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th or 50th anniversary this year, or who will have been married for 60 years or more this year, are invited to attend. Please provide your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number if you don't have email) by 22nd March, and an invitation will be sent to you.

Dowry Tour at Westminster Cathedral 19th-21st March. Full programme details are in each porch.

Finchley Food Bank – Donations for the Finchley Food Bank, to support families in need, may be left in one of the boxes at the church entrance. Thank you.

Mothers' Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 10:30am. For more, contact Cathy on 07947 741460 / catherinepellegrinelli@yahoo.com, or Isabel on 07539 611248.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Rosary Procession Prayer Vigil, Saturday 14th March, St Francis of Assisi Church, Stratford, E15 1NS. Mass at 10am; procession to BPAS Centre; return for shared lunch. See poster or www.helpersuk.org.

Catholic Newspapers – Copies of the *Catholic Universe* and the *Catholic Herald* are on sale every week in the Repository at the back of the church.

Parish History – A commemorative book to mark the Centenary of the parish is available in the Repository. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover the costs would be appreciated.

St. Martin of Porres Catholic Primary School are looking for a teacher - to cover the maternity leave of our Year 1 class teacher. Job shares, NQTs and full time teachers are all welcome to apply to work in our happy school with our delightful pupils. Please contact the school office for further details on 0208 361 1445 / Email: admin@st-martinporres.haingey.sch.uk

CAFOD Westminster is looking for schools volunteers – to work with children in primary & secondary schools inspiring them to build a fairer world. Training and support are provided & expenses are paid. Volunteering will be in local Catholic schools - work on your own or in a team. Join us & put your faith into action. If interested, email Chris Driscoll at wschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162.

APF Red Boxes – If you have a red collection box that has not been emptied for a while, please bring it along and hand it in at the Repository at the back of the church. Please make sure that your name is on the label on the bottom of the box. It will be returned after it has been emptied. The contents will be forwarded to the APF.

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

Tax Refunds – If you pay tax, whether it is on salary, pension, savings or investments, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. All you have to do is to complete and sign a Gift Aid declaration and then make your offerings, either by numbered envelope or directly to the parish bank account. If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up. The forms you will need are all in the rack at the back of the church.

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 Gałuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

The Catholic Trust Child Safeguarding training – offered to all members of the Catholic community in England and Wales, free of charge via the Educare online e-learning modules. Email your name and parish to safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk to register for the free training.

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

Parking Controls – Please note that there are no restrictions on parking in the church car park during Mass or during other parish events. If you need to use the car park at another time, you must first obtain a permit from the parish office and make sure that it is displayed clearly in your car windscreen. Failure to do so may result in a penalty charge.

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.

CAFOD donations & Printer Cartridge Recycling – recycle your used printer cartridges by printing off the Freepost label from <https://therecyclingfactory.com/cafod> and posting your used cartridges - a donation will be made directly to CAFOD for every recycled cartridge received.

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.)