

## **St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End**

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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: £473.02;

envelopes: £569.71; total: £1042.73.

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

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year – page 133**

Dear Parishioners,

In recent years, many television programmes that were considered as entertainment in the 1970s have been condemned as outrageous by today's standards. In today's second reading, the issue is slavery. We may wonder why St Paul didn't condemn his fellow Christian, Philemon, for being the master of a slave, but it took many centuries for us to reach the conclusion that slavery is evil. That conclusion doesn't prevent human slavery from still being a reality in our world today. To be fair to St Paul, he did drop very heavy hints to Philemon that he should no longer be seeing Onesimus as his slave, but rather as a brother in the Lord. It is clear that attitudes change in society, albeit very slowly at times. What is important is that we try to recognise the evils and the injustices that happen all around us, and do our best to bring them to an end.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Catholic Education Service** – There is a retiring collection this weekend to support the work of the Catholic Education Service.

**Centenary Mass** – The highlight of our Centenary Year will be a Mass celebrated, here at St Philip's, by Cardinal Vincent Nichols next Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, at 6:30pm, which will be followed by an informal reception in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**First Holy Communion 2020** – Applications are invited for children who will be in Year 3 (or above) this September and who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year. Families should have been attending St Philip's Church regularly for at least three months before submitting an application. Yellow forms, which are available in the main porch, must be returned by next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September and must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate if the child was not baptised at St Philip's. There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre, where further details of the course will be provided. The children have their first workshop on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am.

**Confirmation 2020** - Applications are invited from young people who will be in Year 9 (or above) in September and who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. Forms should be completed by the candidate, who should have been attending St Philip's Church regularly for at least three months before submitting the application. Green forms, which are available in the main porch, must be returned by next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September and must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate, showing the address of the church of Baptism, if the candidate was not baptised at St Philip's.

**Children's Liturgy** – There is a session for primary school children every Sunday during term time at 11:00am in the Meeting Room where the catechists help the children to prepare for the 11:30 Mass. Over the past couple of terms, the attendance at those sessions has been very low, but the catechists have agreed to continue them for one more term, beginning this Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> September). Please encourage your children to join that group, through the Weekday Chapel. If there is an improvement in the number attending over the next few months, we will consider continuing the sessions after Christmas.

**Home Mission Sunday** – There will be a retiring collection next weekend to support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

**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.

**Mothers' Prayer Group**, formed in Kent in 1995 by two women who wanted to pray for their grandchildren, spread rapidly and now has thousands of groups in over 100 countries. A group will be starting at St Philip's this Thursday (12<sup>th</sup> September) and will then meet every Thursday at 10:30am in the Meeting Room. For more information, contact Cathy on 07947 741460 / catherinepellegrinelli@yahoo.com, or Isabel on 07539 611248.

**Funeral, Peter Lupton R.I.P.** – Peter's funeral will be here at St Philip's on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am. May he rest in peace. We offer our condolences to his family.

**Memorial Mass for Father John Ball R.I.P.** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School, Nether Street, North Finchley N12 7NJ at 7pm - followed by refreshments. Please call 020 8446 2256 or email [office@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk) if you are planning to attend.

**Soup Kitchen volunteers needed** – for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September from 6.15-9pm, by the side of the Baptist Church at 2 Dukes Avenue, Muswell Hill – for more information phone Anne on 020 8365 2381.

**CAFOD information afternoon** – on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2.30pm-4pm with guest speaker, Laura Ouseley, with first-hand experience of their work overseas. Meeting will take place at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London, N14 4HE. Bookings taken on 0208 449 6970 or e mail [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)

**Training for Catechists** – upcoming training sessions are now up in the porch, please see for dates, times and more details. Booking required by contacting [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7798 9152.

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants** – Processional Prayer Vigil: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, St Patrick's, Soho Square, W1D 4NR. Mass at 9am; procession to Marie Stopes Centre; return for Benediction and shared lunch. See poster or visit [www.helpersuk.org](http://www.helpersuk.org).

**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.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498.

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

**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.

**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.

**Polish Services** – Information is available on the Polish-language website [www.finchleyparish.co.uk](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk) or email [proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk](mailto:proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk). The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gałuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**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.

**Planned Giving envelopes** – If you would like to start using envelopes for your weekly offering, please complete one of the salmon-coloured forms from the rack in the main porch. A simple alternative is to give by bank standing order; yellow forms are available in the main porch giving the necessary details. If you are a tax-payer, please also complete a Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim the tax you have paid on your offering.

**Volunteers requested** – The SVP in East Finchley support a weekly soup kitchen at the Baptist Church in Muswell Hill. They are looking for more volunteers to help. No experience required. More information is available on request.

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) for information or to apply, or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto: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.)