

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: £503.95;
envelopes: £483.00; total: £986.95.

Catholic Communications collection: £147.67.

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Dear Parishioners,

In Jewish tradition, Pentecost celebrated the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. That event was marked by fire and wind. Those two elements also appear in the account in the Acts of the Apostles of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. The Holy Spirit breathed new life into the apostles to enable them to go out and share the Good News with people from every nation. That same Spirit is given to each one of us so that we too may share the light of the Risen Lord with those around us. We pray that we may have courage, as the apostles did, to bear witness to the presence of the Lord in the world.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

First Holy Communion – The children are making their First Holy Communion at the 11:30am Mass this Sunday (9th June). Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers at this special time.

Funeral, Caroline Kidd R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass for Bill Lethorn's daughter will be on Thursday 20th June at 11:00am, here at St Philip's. There will be no 10am Mass on that day. May she rest in peace.

Bob Atkinson R.I.P. – Efforts to trace Bob's next-of-kin have so far been unfruitful. If you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of his relatives, please let us know and we will pass on the information.

Parish Centenary 1919–2019 - Dates for your diaries:

28-30 June Flower Festival plus exhibition

29 June Strawberry Tea in Parish Centre

14 July Children's Picnic / Games in Stephens House

Gardens (Avenue House) following the 11:30am Family Mass

26 Aug. Senior Parishioners' Tea Party

14 Sept. Jubilee Mass followed by buffet reception

5 Oct. International Food Fair

8 Nov. Choir Musical Evening

Parish Exhibition – We are planning to hold an exhibition to mark 100 years of our parish history, from 28-30 June. If you have any items that you would like included in the Exhibition, please leave them in the Repository at the back of the church, by this Sunday (9th June), marked with your name.

Lost Property – The Lost Property basket under the table in the main porch is getting full. If you have mislaid anything in recent months, have a look to see if anything there belongs to you. If items are not claimed, we will find a new home for them.

Churches Together in Finchley United Service for Pentecost, this Sunday, 9th June, 6:00pm, at St Mary-at-Finchley Church, Hendon Lane, N3. All are welcome.

Day for Life – Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection to support the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Children's Liturgy – Please encourage the children to come to the Meeting Room from 11:00am on Sunday to prepare for the Family Mass.

Admissions to Reception Class – St Theresa's Catholic Primary School has places available for September 2019. There are also a small number of places available in other year groups. If you know of anyone who might be interested in a Catholic education for their children (even if they have already accepted a place or attend a school elsewhere) please ask them to contact the Office Manager, Mrs Orsi, on (020) 8346 8826.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School Open Evening for Admissions 2020 - Thursday 27th June. There are two sessions: 3:30pm to 5:00pm, and 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The Headteacher will address prospective parents at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. Email admissions@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk for more information.

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.

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.

Gift Aid – As we move into a new Tax Year, it is time to check that you have paid sufficient tax to cover all of your Gift Aid donations for the past year. If not, please let us know, so that you can be excluded from our claim for a tax refund. Otherwise, HMRC may ask you to repay the tax that has been claimed.

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.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Processional Prayer Vigil, Saturday 22nd June, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Brixton Road, SW9 0TQ. Mass at 9am; procession to Marie Stopes Centre; return for shared lunch. See poster or www.helpersuk.org.

Mass with St Theresa's School children – The last group of children from St Theresa's School – Year 6 Red – will be joining us for our Friday 10:00am Mass on 21st June.

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

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 or tel. 0161 941 3498.

Planned Giving envelopes – If you haven't yet picked up your box of envelopes, they can be collected from the Priests House. 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.

Do you have old rosary beads that are no longer needed? The Catenian Rosary Group has been sending unused rosaries to Aboriginals in Australia and to various countries in Africa since 2009, but there is always a demand for more. If you, or your family or friends, have unused rosaries hidden away in cupboards or drawers, you can help the cause by sending them to John Riley, 112 Lonsdale Road, Bolton, Lancs. BL1 4PN, or contact him on 01204 845094 or dor.jonriley@yahoo.co.uk.

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.)

School Governors - St Theresa's School has a need for committed Catholics to act as Foundation Governors. See the poster on the schools notice board in the church porch or use the following link to obtain more information: <http://rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/recruitment-of-foundation-governors/>