

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

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### **Service times this week**

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

11:30am

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £79.55;

envelopes: £127.95; candles: £63.83.

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

## **The Baptism of the Lord – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parishioners,

Unlike in the previous lockdowns in the past year, the importance of being able to come together to pray and to celebrate the Sacraments has been recognised in the present lockdown, to help maintain the general wellbeing of people of faith. There are many different ways in which we can communicate with each other, and even pray together, but the ability to come together in one special place as a community of faith, to share in the grace of the Sacraments remains very important for us. One of the reasons why places of worship have been given this special status is that we have worked hard to maximise the physical safety of all those who come to pray together. Our wellbeing requires us to address our physical, emotional and spiritual needs, and it is important that we try to support each other in all of those different needs.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the end of the Church's Christmas Season. After Christ was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, his Father's voice was heard, acknowledging Jesus to be his Son, the Beloved, the One on whom his favour rests. As we move back into the 'Ordinary Time' of the Church's year, we recognise that there is nothing ordinary about what is going on around us at the moment. It is in our openness to the redeeming love of Christ, the Beloved Son of the Father, that we find the grace to help us persevere. We also recognise the need to support each other in prayer and in the ways that remain open to us to bring comfort and encouragement to each other, as we look forward to an end of the pandemic that is preventing us from living our lives to the full.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Covid-19 Safety** – We are able to maintain our schedule of Masses, but we have to keep to the safety measures that have been put in place:

- Make sure you book for each Mass you wish to attend, either on the online service or by email or phone;

**If you pick up a paper copy of this newsletter in the church, please make sure that you take it with you when you leave. Don't leave any used copies behind in the church.**

- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are in the church (apart from when receiving Holy Communion);
- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;
- Maintain a social distance from those outside your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and avoid unnecessary movement within the church;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

**Booking for Mass** – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other feast days. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as to keep records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. Visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/> to access the online booking service. If you are unable to book online, you can also request a booking with a phone call to the parish number, or by email, saying which Mass you wish to attend and providing your contact details. The information supplied will be deleted 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. Those who come without booking will not be admitted if the building has reached its safe capacity. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for up-to-date information. If you are not able to attend after booking a place for Mass, please let us know by email or phone, so that your place may be reallocated.

**NHS COVID-19 app** – Use the app to check in at the church, by scanning the QR code in the porch. The code is on posters displayed on your left as you enter the main door. This does not replace the need to book for Mass.

**Church offerings** – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." Envelopes may also be placed in the wooden box at the front of the church. A preferred option is to make a transfer to the parish bank account. The account name to use is 'WRCDT Finchley Church End', sort code 40-05-20, account number 11094599. (It is classed as a 'business' account.) Debit and credit card donations can be made via the parish microsite, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

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

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10:00am – Abel Family (Intention)

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9:30am – Jacqueline Bradley RIP

11:30am – Lucas Stojek RIP

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10:00am – Fred & Gertrude Benham RIP

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10:00am – Madge Needley RIP (Anniv)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10:00am – Benham Family RIP

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10:00am – Veronica & Nadia (Intention)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10:00am – Marcella Filippi RIP (Anniv)

6:30pm – People of the Parish

**Offertory envelopes** – New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes are available for those who have been using them recently. If you wish to continue using envelopes, and have not yet received your new box, please let us know.

**Charities** – Many charities have struggled over the past year, unable to raise funds in their traditional ways. A selection of the charities that we have supported over the years are listed on the Charities page of our parish microsite, together with information about how you can help them now. Please consider choosing one to support. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/charities/> for more information.

**SPUC White Flower Appeal** – This weekend would normally be the time when we support the annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). This charity has the goal of promoting the value of human life at every stage, from conception to natural death. We are not able to have the usual collection this year, but you can support the work of SPUC with an online donation at <http://spuc.org.uk/Donate>.

**Mary's Meals** – It was not possible to have the usual Rags to Riches collection of clothing and fabrics for Mary's Meals in the past year, but you can donate to the charity online, and from now until the end of January 2021 all donations will be matched by the UK Government. Find out more or donate at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove>

**Gift Aid** – If you are a tax-payer, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. A Gift Aid declaration can now be completed by email. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for details of the information that is required.

**Polish Community** – Information about Polish services is available on the Polish-language website [www.finchleyparish.co.uk](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk) or email [mgaluszka2@gmail.com](mailto:mgaluszka2@gmail.com). The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Galuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**Parish History** – A commemorative book was published to mark the Centenary of the parish in 2019. We can arrange to post a copy to you. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

**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.

### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **This Sunday's responses:**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'**  
**Alleluia!**

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [bow]  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.