

## **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

*Mass in Polish: Sunday 6:30pm*

Weekday Mass: 10:00am  
(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £290.53;  
envelopes: £316.50; candles: £97.68.  
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

## **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dear Parishioners,

The rich man who approached Jesus in today's Gospel reading wanted to know what he needed to do to achieve eternal life. In response, Jesus told him that he simply had to keep the commandments. The man confirmed that he had always avoided doing anything to harm his neighbour, but he insisted on knowing what else was required of him. When the man heard that the next stage for him was to sell everything he owned, give the money to the poor, and then to follow Jesus, it was too much for him, and we are told that he went away sad. It seemed like a tragic end to a promising encounter, but Jesus didn't stop him from walking away.

God doesn't try to prevent any of us from making the choices we do. But we can be left feeling sad and disappointed with ourselves when we know that we could have made better choices. There are many things that prevent us from being fully open to God's love. It is not just wealth. There are many distractions in social media and elsewhere that take our attention away from reflecting the love of Christ for those around us. We need God's help in trying to overcome those distractions, which prevent us from finding inner peace and a sense of personal fulfilment.

One important message from today's Gospel is that we can't achieve all of that by our own efforts. We need God's grace to help us because "everything is possible for God." Let us place our trust in the Lord.

May God bless you all,  
Fr John Dermody.

**Sunday Coffee** – Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass every Sunday. All are welcome.

**Sacramental Preparation** – This weekend we welcome the candidates for the new Sacramental programmes. The candidates for Confirmation are joining us on Saturday evening, and the children preparing for First Holy Communion are with us for the 11:30 Mass on Sunday. Let us keep them, and their families, in our prayers in the coming months. Please be aware that both courses are now full, and no further applications are possible.

**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, together with all your personal belongings. If you don't wish to take used hymn sheets with you, please place them in a recycling box as you leave the church. Don't leave any used items behind in the benches.**

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

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am – Margaret Maree RIP Anniv.  
6:30pm – Arnel Sahagun RIP Anniv.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am – Mr & Mrs Wales - Intention  
11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am – Fr John Cairns RIP

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am – Benefactors (SCCF)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am – Sarah Manners - Intention

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am – Giovanni Mai RIP Anniv.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am – Charles Collett RIP Anniv.  
6:30pm – People of the Parish

**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.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day: Climate Crisis Appeal** – Thank you for your donations to CAFOD for Family Fast Day. Your generous gifts will help people like Ivanhilde in the Amazon protect our common home. You can still donate in one of the following ways: use one of the special envelopes available in the porch; place offerings in the CAFOD wall box, or give online through the CAFOD website ([cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can add your voice to the online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, and find out more about how you can get involved, by visiting [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim). You can read more about CAFOD's response at [cafod.org.uk/emergencies](http://cafod.org.uk/emergencies). Thanks again for your ongoing support.

**Church offerings** – Donations for the parish may be placed in the 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." A preferred option is to make a transfer, or set up a standing order, 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, which you can access at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

**Gift Aid** – 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. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for more information.

**Newsletter distribution** – Don't forget that you can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. 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.

**St Theresa's Schoolchildren at Mass** – This Friday we will be welcoming another group of children from St Theresa's School for our 10am Mass. This week (15<sup>th</sup> October), it will be the turn of children from Years 3 and 4.

**Parish History** – A commemorative book was published to mark the Centenary of the parish in 2019. You can pick up a copy in the Repository at the back of the church, or we can arrange to post a copy. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

**The Passage**, a Catholic charity working with homeless people, is holding a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (from 7am to 6:30pm), and they need more volunteers to help on the day. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Hollingsworth at [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk) or (020) 7592 1886.

**Little Amal** is a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, walking 8000km from the border of Turkey / Syria to Manchester, in search of her mother. She will visit Westminster Cathedral on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm, to be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join the Cardinal for the Welcome liturgy and learn more about migrants and refugees. During half-term week, it is an opportunity for families to come together. There is more information about Little Amal's journey at <https://www.walkwithamal.org>.

**CAFOD Schools volunteers needed** – Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? No experience necessary. Full support and regular training provided. There is a particular need for volunteers to visit schools in Hertfordshire, Ealing, Brent, Hounslow and Camden. If you are interested in these volunteer roles, please contact Chris Driscoll at [westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk) or call 07776 493162.

**Cardinal Vaughan Open Evenings** - there is no need to book. *Year 12 Open Evening* - Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 5.00pm. The Head will speak at 5.00pm. The last tour of the school will be at 6.00pm. For more information, visit [www.cvms.co.uk](http://www.cvms.co.uk).

**Train as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care** - Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. We are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us as relationship counsellors and make a world of difference to couples and families. For more information, please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc)

**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: **Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.**  
**Alleluia!**

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things, visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, *[bow]*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.