

## **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

**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.**

- 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.

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

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10:00am – Andrew Knight

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Apr, 9:30am – Nik Prentice RIP

11:30am – Sister Walsh RIP Anniv.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10:00am – Ethel Atzenwiler RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10:00am – Fred & Gertrude Benham RIP

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10:00am – Coralie Hawkyard RIP

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10:00am – Agnelo Menezes RIP

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10:00am – Jean Jacque Atzenwiler RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Maria Michel RIP Anniv.

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £336.77;  
envelopes: £377.00 (Easter), £162.00 (other);  
candles: £71.37; Holy Places (Good Friday): £84.00.  
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

## **Second Sunday of Easter - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Dear Parishioners,

We are all being bombarded with a great deal of information every day. Some of that information is very helpful to us, but we also have to deal with a lot of misleading information, not to mention the many comments that are distasteful or offensive. We have to be careful about sifting the good from the bad.

The apostle Thomas was very sceptical when the other apostles told him that, in his absence, they had seen Christ, risen from the dead. He refused to believe what they told him unless he could see and touch for himself. When Christ appeared to them again while Thomas was with them, Our Lord didn't reprimand Thomas for his lack of faith, but gently invited him to accept the evidence he was looking for. Thomas' simple profession of faith, "My Lord and my God," offers a powerful witness to us who have not had a chance to meet the Risen Christ in the flesh, as the apostles did.

We all need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us to discern what is true in the information that is offered to us. Anything that helps draw us into a deeper experience of the love of Christ is more likely to be true. Anything that tends to undermine our experience of that love needs to be treated more cautiously.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Covid-19 Safety** – We are able to continue 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;
- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are in the church (apart from when receiving Holy Communion or if you have an exemption);
- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;

**Confirmation** – The Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people had to be postponed twice last year, but is now scheduled to take place on the next two Sunday afternoons. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers at this important time.

**Anthony Hewson R.I.P.** – There will be a Mass, here at St Philip's, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon, to mark the anniversary of the death of Tony Hewson, who died last year, a few weeks after his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you would like to come to that Mass, please book a place using the booking service on our parish microsite.

**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, which you can access using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

**Gift Aid** – The income of many people has been affected by the coronavirus in the past year. As we move into a new Tax Year, those who have completed Gift Aid declarations need to check that they have paid sufficient tax to cover all their Gift Aided donations. Please let us know if your contributions are no longer covered so that your donations may be excluded from our claim for a tax refund. It is a great help to the parish to be able to claim that extra money from HMRC. If you are a taxpayer, 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. For more information, see our parish microsite, at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

**Booking for Mass** – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other major feast days. 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. Please let us know if you are not able to attend after booking a place. Booked places that are not claimed at the beginning of Mass may be reallocated. 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 more information.

**Our Lady of Lourdes School**, Bow Lane, is still accepting applications for **Nursery** for the Academic Year starting September 2021, for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Contact the office, or visit the school website <https://www.ololbarnschool.org.uk/> for more information.

**Chorister opportunities** – Westminster Cathedral Choir School is recruiting boys currently in Year 2 or 3 who have musical potential and might consider becoming choristers at Westminster Cathedral. See the website at <http://www.choirschool.com/> or contact Lucy Auger at [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com) or (020) 7798 9081.

**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.

**Newsletter distribution** – Don't forget that you can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. You can also receive a copy every week by email if you sign up for e-Alerts 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.

**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.

**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 Gałuszka, 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.

### **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: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'**  
**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.