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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: £233.54;
envelopes: £180.20; candles: £90.35.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th July 2021

Dear Parishioners,

From 19th July, we are expecting to see some significant changes to the restrictions that we have all been facing for over a year. One word which you are unlikely to hear coming from a politician is 'conscience', but what we are anticipating in the coming weeks is effectively an invitation to each one of us to follow our conscience. We have all been getting used to having other people tell us what we can and can't do, but now we are being asked to decide for ourselves. Some things will inevitably still be governed by regulations. Other matters will be issues of common sense. But we will all need to think about the consequences of our actions, not only for ourselves, but also for the people around us. That is partly about making sure that we try to keep each other safe against the ongoing threat of the coronavirus, but it is also about showing sensitivity to those who will remain wary about resuming anything approaching normality. We have to care for each other as much as we can.

In the coming weeks, things will also be changing in the church. I expect those changes will be gradual, as we do what we can to allow freedom for those who simply want to get on with life, while giving a degree of protection to those who need time to readjust. We look for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us live the two commandments of love – loving God with every part of our being, and seeking to reflect his love in the ways in which we treat our neighbour. In this respect, our neighbour is not just those that we will come into contact with, day by day, but also those in the NHS and other services who may have to deal with the consequences of our actions. It is a matter of conscience that we do what we can to support each other.

May God bless you all,
Fr John Dermody.

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.

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.

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

Saturday 10th July, 10:00am – Bernard Bradley RIP Anniv.
6:30pm – Joseph Scully RIP Anniv.

Sunday 11th July, 9:30am – People of the Parish
11:30am – Rosanna Luesley RIP Anniv.

Monday 12th July, 10:00am – Benefactors (SCCF)

Tuesday 13th July, 10:00am – Lucy McDermott RIP Anniv.

Thursday 15th July, 10:00am – Holy Souls

Friday 16th July, 10:00am – David Hassett RIP Anniv.

Saturday 17th July, 10:00am – Emmanuel Nwadiogbu RIP
6:30pm – Molly McElwaine RIP Anniv.

Sea Sunday – This Sunday (11th July) is Sea Sunday when we acknowledge the work of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) in caring for the practical and spiritual needs of seafarers. You can support their work with an online donation at <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate/> or use one of the special envelopes that are available in the church porch. Offerings can also be placed in the wall box marked for this purpose in the main porch.

First Holy Communion – We hope to begin a new First Holy Communion programme in the autumn term this year, but would like an indication of how many children are likely to be taking part. Parents with children who are now in Years 2 and 3 are invited to give that indication by completing an application form for their child. Forms are available at the back of the church, or you can download one from <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/sacrament/s/>. The forms that have already been received give a helpful indication of demand for the course, but applications are still welcomed.

Confirmation – We are also aiming to begin the new Confirmation programme next term. Applications are invited from those who are currently in Year 8 (or above) and who have been attending St Philip's Church regularly. Forms are available at the back of the church, or they can be downloaded from the parish microsite (same link as in the previous item).

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/>.

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 now 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.

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.

CAFOD donations for India - As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, *Caritas India*, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

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.

Polish Community – Information about Polish services is available on the Polish-language website www.finchleyparish.co.uk or email mgaluska2@gmail.com. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Parish Microsite update – This week, the format of microsites for all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Westminster was updated. Some of the features are less obvious than they were before, but most can be accessed from the menus at the top of the screen. If you haven't yet had a look, you can find our microsite at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/>.

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: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
**Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:**
you have the message of eternal life.
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.