

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: £582.60;

envelopes: £492.55; total: £1075.15.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

Today is the world day of prayer for vocations. Every individual has a vocation. It is a call from God to identify and make the best possible use of the unique set of gifts that he has entrusted to each one of us. On this day, we think particularly of the special vocation received by some to share in the ordained priesthood or in religious life. There are currently 27 men training at the diocesan seminary to serve as priests in this diocese. They need our prayers in the long process of discernment. They also need our financial support, and next weekend we have the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund. Please take one of the special envelopes available in the church today and return it with your offering next week. Let us also pray that those who are called by the Lord to special ministries in the Church will respond with courage and generosity.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Centenary Walk – The walk through some of the less familiar parts of Finchley begins next Sunday (19th May) at East Finchley tube station. Be at the station by 12:50pm, ready to start walking at 1pm. There will be a pause for a picnic along the way, so please bring a packed lunch with you. The total distance of the walk is about 4 miles. See the leaflets for more information, or visit the Centenary page on the parish website.

Holy Rosary – During May, the Rosary is recited before Mass every weekday morning, commencing at 9:30am. Volunteers are needed to lead each morning. If you can help, please add your name to the notice at the side entrance. For more information, contact Margaret, (020) 8349 1219, or Veronica, (020) 8922 0351.

Funeral, Patrick Stephen Considine R.I.P. – Steve Considine, who was a committed member of this parish for many years, died on 2nd May. His funeral will be here at St Philip's on Monday 20th May at 10am. May he rest in peace.

Visit to Manor House – There may still be a few places available for the second visit on Sunday 2nd June, at 2:30pm. For security reasons, names and contact details will be required in advance. Booking forms are available in the main porch. First come, first served. Sorry, there will be NO admission on the day without prior booking. Car parking on site is extremely limited and restricted to Blue Badge holders only. Please add car registration number to booking form.

Parish Centenary 1919–2019 - Dates for your diaries:

19 May Centenary Walk (starting at East Finchley station)

2 June Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started
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

Mass with St Theresa's School children – This term, we have classes from St Theresa's School joining us at Saint Philip's for a few of our Friday morning Masses. This Friday (17th May), the children from Years 5 and 6 Blue will be taking part in the 10:00 Mass.

The **Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem** (Westminster Section) are holding their Spring Mass this year at St Philip's on Saturday 18th May at 12 noon. All are welcome.

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

Westminster Cathedral Guided Tour, Wednesday 15th May. Meet 1:00pm at North Finchley Bus Station or at the Bookshop inside the Cathedral at 2:15pm. For more details, contact Anne, (020) 8365 2381.

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 Gatuszka, 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.

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.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

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

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

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 taxpayer, 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/>