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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 10:30am-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £352.15;

envelopes: £255.00; candles: £137.13.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

If you look at a cathedral or other church with stained-glass windows from the outside, you might be able to make out the shapes of the bits of glass within those windows, but you probably won't be able to make out much of the colour of the glass. In order to experience the real beauty of those windows, you have to go inside the building and look at them with the light shining through the glass.

One might see parallels between that image and our appreciation of the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. We can examine that mystery in an analytical way, and try to comprehend what we mean by having three persons on one God. But the real appreciation of the Trinity comes from our experience of that mystery from the inside, so to speak.

God is love. God is a community of love, sharing love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all eternity. Christ came among us to invite us to share in that bond of love. He sent the Holy Spirit to draw us into the divine embrace which is the Trinity. As we open our hearts to accept that invitation, we also recognise our call to reach out to help others to experience the love that Christ came to share with all people.

It is difficult for us to comprehend the great mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Maybe we should just settle for accepting the divine invitation to love.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Mary Clohessy R.I.P. – Mary's funeral has been arranged for this Friday (17th June). Please note that the Mass will be starting at the earlier time of 9:30am. We offer our condolences to her family. May she rest in peace.

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

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

Saturday 11th June, 10:00am – Michael Norbury RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Gertrude Galon RIP Anniv.

Sunday 12th June, 9:30am – Bernadette Thomas - Intention

11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 13th June, 10:00am – Kol Staka RIP

Tuesday 14th June, 10:00am – Wilfred Vias RIP

Thursday 16th June, 10:00am – Michael McDonagh RIP Anniv.

Friday 17th June, **9:30am – Funeral: Mary Clohessy RIP**

Saturday 18th June, 10:00am – Giuseppe Fusco RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Mary Clohessy RIP

Ukraine Humanitarian Aid – Donations to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal can be made via their website - <https://www.dec.org.uk/>. Other voluntary groups are helping to provide relief in areas that are not reached by the main charities. #WeAreUkraine is one such group, run in coordination with Ukraine Charity Fund. For more information about that group, see the poster in the church porch. You can donate towards their work on their Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/weareukraine>.

Bible Reading sessions – come and join us in the parish meeting room on Monday evenings at 7.30pm-9pm. For more information please contact Anne on 07986 587424 or (020) 8365 2381.

Mothers' Prayer Group – continues to gather on Thursdays, after the morning Mass, at 10.30am in the Meeting Room.

Family Picnic in the Park on Sunday 10th July at 1pm – All are welcome to join Christine and her team at this event (weather permitting), at Stephens Gardens (opposite Children's playground); just turn up with your own picnic. There will be a mini sports day and some exciting games for the children. Looking forward to seeing you there. For further information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is on Wednesday 29th June. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we will have Mass on that day at 12 noon and 7:30pm.

First Holy Communion – The children who received their First Holy Communion last month are gathering again this Sunday for a special liturgy at the 11:30am Mass. We pray that the grace of this Sacrament will continue to strengthen them and their families.

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.) For more information, see: <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.

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.

Baptism Preparation – The next preparation meeting for parents wishing to have a child baptised is on Thursday (16th June) at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Please complete and return a blue application form (available at the back of the church) before attending the meeting.

East Finchley Faith and Peace Walk, organised by Barnet Multi Faith Forum, in collaboration with Middlesex University Inter Faith Network, will visit places of worship and open spaces around East Finchley. It is on Saturday 25th June, 11am to 4pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/3xn0gk0>. For more information, see the poster, or email faithwalk@barnetmultifaithforum.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes School - in Bow Lane, N12, is still accepting applications to its Nursery for September 2022. If your child was born between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020 please apply. All information can be found on the school website <http://www.ololbarnetschool.org.uk>

Polish Services – For information about Polish services, visit the Polish-language website <http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk/>. Contact Fr Marek Gałuszka at mgaluszka2@gmail.com or 07984 293753.

The paradox of abundance - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023 are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5. Parents should ensure that they read the Admissions Policy prior to making an application and provide the original Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by their Parish Priest by the closing date of 4pm on Tuesday 5 July 2022. Applications can be made through the online system, which you can be found via the following link: <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24/>.

La Sainte Union School warmly welcome any Ukrainian families - La Sainte Union School warmly welcome any Ukrainian families looking for a school place. We have several Ukrainian students joining us already, and we have made places available for students to start immediately. Please email admissions@lsu.camden.sch.uk or call the school directly 0207 428 4600.

Loreto College (St Albans) Centenary Garden Party - on Sunday 10th July 2022 12pm to 6pm (last admission 5pm). Admission £5.00 per person (FREE entry for children aged 5 and under), there will be live music by the popular local band *Soulfish*, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. For ticket page and more information at www.loreto.herts.sch.uk.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. CSAN, which is addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

Will you take the first Step? - CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022; go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

Foreign Coins – If you have any foreign coins that you no longer need, or any coins that have ceased to be legal tender, you can place them in the designated wall-box in the main porch (near the Repository door). They will be passed onto the North London Hospice to support their work of palliative and end-of-life care. Please avoid putting foreign, or out-of-date, coins in any of the other boxes.

The Universe Catholic Weekly - is thrilled to announce the launch of their new online newspaper with the full support of first subscriber, His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. To order your free Digital trial supply or a subscription offer is only £20.00 for 13 issues! Call 07436 617650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral - is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date 19 June 2022. For further details please see <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>

Newsletter distribution – You can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish microsite. 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.