

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: envelopes: £518.02;
loose: £386.77; total: £904.79.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

Inevitably there were a few people who turned up at the old Mass times last Sunday but, generally, the transition to the new timetable went well. There was a sense of people renewing old acquaintances as they met up with others who had been attending a different Mass for a number of years. It is worth pointing out that refreshments are available in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass every Sunday. That is another chance for parishioners to get to know each other better. Hopefully we will all get used to the new schedule very quickly.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

White Flower Appeal – This weekend we have the annual collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), which works throughout the U.K. to protect unborn babies, and their mothers, from abortion and its devastating consequences.

Children's Liturgy – As the Family Mass now starts half an hour earlier, the session for the children before that Mass now begins at 11:00am in the Meeting Room. Please encourage the children to attend that session to help them prepare for the Mass.

Race Night, the first social event in our Centenary year, will be **next Saturday (19th January) in the Parish Centre**, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Do come and join in the fun. Tickets are £5 each and are on sale after the Masses this weekend – we need to know how many people will be attending to provide a finger buffet.

Church decorations – The Church's Christmas season draws to a close this Sunday. We will be removing the church decorations on Monday (14th) from 7:30pm. Volunteers to help will be welcome.

Funeral, Renato Bussandri R.I.P. – The 10:00 Mass on Friday (18th) will be the Funeral Mass for Renato Bussandri. May he rest in peace.

Justice & Peace Meeting - 7:30pm, Mon. 14 January at Nazareth House. If interested ring Anne on 8365 2381.

Cake Sale next Sunday (20th) after both masses, proceeds to Pax Christi to support their work for justice and peace.

First Holy Communion – There is a meeting for parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion on Thursday (17th) at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. At least one parent for each child should attend that meeting. The children have their next workshop on Saturday at 11:00am and a special liturgy next Sunday at the 11:30am Mass.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary, N12 0JP – Applications are invited for **Reception Class Sept. 2019** for children born 01/9/2014 to 31/8/2015. Deadline 15/01/2019. Applications for **Nursery for Sept. 2019** for children born 1/4/2016 to 31/3/2017. Deadline 30/01/19. Download forms at www.olol.barnetschool.org.uk.

Sacred Heart, Whetstone – Applications are invited for **Reception Class 2019** for children born 1/9/14 to 31/8/15. You will need to submit an application through your home council. Apply online <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk>. Also complete a Supplementary Information Form which is available from <http://www.sacredheartprimary.co.uk>
Vacancies in current Reception Class for children born 1/9/2013 to 31/8/2014. Contact Debbie Box 020 8445 3854. *The deadline for both applications is Tuesday 15 January.*

Prospective Teacher Open Day on Tuesday 29 January. Finchley Catholic High School is hosting an open day for anyone interested in entering the teaching profession. If you wish to attend email minzani@finchleycatholic.org.uk By 18/1/19, stating your current professional circumstances. Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. See poster in main porch.

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/>

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 Gałuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Processional Prayer Vigil, Saturday 19th January, St Thomas of Canterbury, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. Mass at 9am; procession to Marie Stopes Centre; return for shared lunch. See poster or www.helpersuk.org.

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.catholicssingles.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/>

Follow Me – This group is especially for adults wishing to participate in the Sacraments or simply to know more about the Catholic Church. It is taking a break now until the New Year but normally meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room. Newcomers are welcome.

Planned Giving envelopes – The new boxes of envelopes are available from the Priests House any morning during the week. 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.

Parish Centenary – We are looking for a photo of **Fr George Ingram** who was Parish Priest at St Philip's from 1957 to 1964 to include in the Centenary souvenir booklet. Can you help? Other photos of significant events in the parish's history would also be welcomed.

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.)

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.

Are you paying less tax? If you are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover your Gift Aid donations, HMRC may ask you to repay the shortfall. Please let us know if you are no longer able to Gift Aid your offerings to the parish and we will exclude you from our tax claim. If you are paying sufficient tax but have not yet completed a declaration for the money you give to the parish either by numbered envelope or by banker's order, please complete one of the Gift Aid forms available in the main porch. We can then reclaim the tax paid on those offerings. Claims can be backdated by up to four years.