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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

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £239.19;

envelopes: £304.00; candles: £74.57.

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

24th Sunday of the Year – 13th September 2020

Dear Parishioners,

It is a year ago this week that Cardinal Vincent was with us to celebrate the Centenary of our parish. None of us could have guessed at that time how the first year of our second century was going to turn out. It is perhaps worth recalling that the parish had its beginnings in the wake of the most deadly global pandemic in recent generations – the so-called Spanish Flu. As we are left wondering what life will be like when we eventually emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, we place our trust in the Lord, that he will help us respond to the opportunities that are presented to us, so that, with the help of his grace, we will be able to look back at the end of this second century of our parish, and give thanks for the many ways in which we have been able to respond to that grace, for the benefit of all.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Covid-19 Safety – The change in regulations for social gatherings that come into effect this week will not affect the way in which we gather for Mass, but it is worth highlighting the practices that we need to keep following:

- Wear a covering over your nose and mouth while you are in the church;
- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;
- Maintain a social distance from those outside your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid close contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

Booking for Mass – Using the booking system for Sunday Masses helps to monitor numbers in the church, as well as facilitating contact from the NHS Test and Trace service. You can book online via the parish microsite at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/>.

Choose the Mass you wish to attend and click on the 'Book a Place' button for that Mass. Then enter your name and

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either a phone number or an email address. Only one booking is required for each household group of up to five people, but specify how many people are in the group (at the top of the screen). Make sure you complete your booking by clicking on the green button at the bottom of the page. (You may need to scroll down the page to see the button.) You should then receive an on-screen confirmation. If you are unable to access the online service, you can also book with a phone call to the parish number, or in writing, saying which Mass you wish to attend and providing contact details. The information supplied will be deleted automatically 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. There are currently no booking arrangements for weekday Masses, including Saturday morning. Those who turn up without booking will be admitted to any of the Masses provided there are still un-booked places available in the church.

It is helpful if those who attend Mass on their own (or with one or two other members of the same household) use the chairs at the sides of the church, to leave more space in the benches for larger family groups to sit together.

Check the parish microsite for up-to-date information:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/>.

Sacramental Programmes – The children who were due to make their First Holy Communion in June will be receiving the Sacrament in three different groups on Saturday mornings in October. There will be a limit to the number of family members and others who can join the children for the liturgy. Details have been sent to parents by email. We are hoping to begin the new First Holy Communion course in January. More information about that will be available after the half-term break. We hope that we will also be able to make arrangements later in the term for those whose Confirmations were postponed in the summer. Information will be provided as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) – Confessions currently take place on Saturday mornings between 10:30-11:00am in the Weekday Chapel. Enter the Chapel via the door near the side entrance of the church. While awaiting your turn for Confession, please remain in the main body of the church, keeping an appropriate distance from others. A face covering should be worn while you are in the church building.

Church offerings – We have no offertory collection at Sunday Masses for the time being, but a wooden box is available at each end of the church in which you can place your Planned Giving envelopes and other offerings for the parish. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." A preferred method of giving is directly to the parish bank account. Standing Orders, as well as one-off payments, can be set up using mobile or online banking. 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 also be made securely via the parish microsite, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>

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.

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

Saturday 12th Sept, 10:00am – James Blean RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 13th Sept, 9:30am – Margaret Berry - Intention

11:30am – Florence McCarthy RIP Anniv.

Monday 14th Sept, 10:00am – Celia Mullarkey RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 15th Sept, 10:00am – Charles May RIP Anniv.

Thursday 17th Sept, 10:00am – Bridget Gormally RIP Anniv.

Friday 18th Sept, 10:00am – Michael Curran RIP Anniv.

Saturday 19th Sept, 10:00am – Michael Maree RIP

6:30pm – Marjorie Sheppard RIP Anniv.

CAFOD Appeals – People living in refugee camps or in situations of conflict are among the most vulnerable in the world during the Covid-19 pandemic. CAFOD is working with the Disasters Emergency Committee to bring urgent relief to such people. You can make a donation to help their efforts at <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/>, or you can donate £10 by texting CAFOD to 70085. (£10 plus a standard text fee will be charged to your phone account. If you don't wish to receive more information, text CAFODNOINFO instead.)

Polish Community – Information about Polish services is available on the Polish-language website www.finchleyparish.co.uk or email mgaluszka2@gmail.com. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Galuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Tax Refunds – If you pay tax, whether it is on salary, pension, savings or investments, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. All you have to do is to complete a Gift Aid declaration and then make your offerings, either by numbered envelope, by cheque or directly to the parish bank account. If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up. You can now also register for Gift Aid by email. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> provides details of what is required.

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.

Radio Broadcasts – Those who are unable to access live-streaming on the internet can listen to Mass on DAB radio. Radio Maria England broadcasts on DAB+ in the London area. (Search for RMariaEn.) They have Mass each day after the Angelus at 12 noon, as well as earlier Masses at different times. See <https://radiomariaengland.uk/> for details.

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, you can request a registration form by email. (Make a note on the top of the form if you are updating details.)

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
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.