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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 9:30am
11:30am
Ash Wednesday: 10:00am & 7:30pm
Weekday Mass: 10:00am
(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)
Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £109.91;
envelopes: £310.00; candles: £67.19.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th February 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Last year, the liturgies and devotions of Lent were cut short by the start of the first lockdown. As we prepare to start the Season of Lent once again, we still face restrictions which reduce what we can do together.

Lent begins this coming Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day when many people like to come to Mass to prepare for this time of self-denial. The number of places available in the church this year means that not everyone who wishes to come will be able to attend. It is therefore important that you use the booking service if you wish to come to Mass on Wednesday. We will have to turn people away when the church reaches its safe capacity.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the traditional ceremony of blessing ashes, and using those ashes to make the sign of the cross on our foreheads, symbolising our desire to open ourselves to the Lord, and to devote ourselves to the needs of others, during the Season of Lent. To minimise the risk of spreading the coronavirus, that ceremony will not take place this year. This Sunday, we have a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent in which he proposes an alternative to that ceremony with ashes, and one which he invites all of us to share within our families or support bubbles.

What is most important for all of us during the coming Season of Lent is to open our hearts to the graces that God offers to us, and to seek to share those graces with the people around us. It is in sharing those graces that we also grow in our awareness of the needs of others, so that we may reach out to share the Lord's love.

May God bless you all,
Fr John Dermody.

Pastoral Letter – This Sunday's Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols is available on the diocesan website - <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/>. You can find a link to the text, including the prayers to share in your homes this Ash Wednesday, on our parish microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/>, and copies are also available in the church.

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.

Ash Wednesday this week is a day of fasting and abstinence, and marks the start of the Season of Lent. We have Mass on Wednesday at 10:00am and 7:30pm. Please note that, because of Covid-19 safety measures, ashes will not be distributed this year. If you wish to attend one of the Masses, please book a place on the parish microsite, or else by phone or email.

Covid-19 Safety – We are able to continue our schedule of Masses, but we have to keep to the safety measures that have been put in place:

- Make sure you book for each Mass you wish to attend, either on the online service or by email or phone;
- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are in the church (apart from when receiving Holy Communion);
- 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;
- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and avoid unnecessary movement within the church;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

Lenten Alms – During Lent, one of the wall boxes in the main porch will be marked for donations to the Cardinal's Appeal, which supports the areas of Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and the Church's Service in Society. You can also donate directly via the following link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/cardinals-appeal/>

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

Saturday 13th Feb, 10:00am – Elizabeth Ferreira RIP (Anniv)

6:30pm – Mario Marchini RIP (Anniversary)

Sunday 14th Feb, 9:30am – Armando Casali RIP

11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 15th Feb, 10:00am – Rachel Coburn RIP

Tuesday 16th Feb, 10:00am – Michael Byrne RIP

Wednesday 17th Feb, 10:00am – Mario Marchini RIP

7:30pm – John Kiernan RIP

Thursday 18th Feb, 10:00am – Mafalda & Sergio,

Assunta & Duccio RIP

Friday 19th Feb, 10:00am – Victorio Ruggeri RIP

Saturday 20th Feb, 10:00am – Mary Maree RIP

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Newsletter distribution – Don't forget that you can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. You can also receive a copy every week by email if you sign up for e-Alerts on the parish microsite.

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. This does not replace the need to book for Mass.

Booking for Mass – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other major feast days. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as to keep records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. Visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/> to access the online booking service. If you are unable to book online, you can also request a booking with a phone call to the parish number, or by email, saying which Mass you wish to attend and providing your contact details. The information supplied will be deleted 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. Those who come without booking will not be admitted if the building has reached its safe capacity. For up-to-date information, see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/>. If you are not able to attend after booking a place for Mass, please let us know by email or phone, so that your place may be reallocated.

Church offerings – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch. Cheques should be made payable to “WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley.” Envelopes may also be placed in the wooden box at the front of the church. A preferred option is to make a transfer 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 using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax-payer, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. A Gift Aid declaration can now be completed by email. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for details of the information that is required. If you have made a Gift Aid declaration, but are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover your offerings, please let us know, so that we can exclude your donations from our claim.

Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent – As Lent approaches, CAFOD suggests walking 10,000 steps, either on one day or every day during Lent, as a sign of solidarity with those who do not have access to a safe water source, and have to walk to get water every day. Find more information, or sign up online, at cafod.org.uk/walk.

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 mgaluszka2@gmail.com. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

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: **You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.**

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.

Ash Wednesday:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
A pure heart create for me, O God,
and give me again the joy of your help.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**