

## **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: £511.38;  
envelopes: £437.80; total: £949.18.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection total: £996.08.

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

### **Third Sunday of Lent – page 158**

Dear Parishioners,

The Covid-19 Coronavirus continues to cause global concern, and we are taking steps to minimise the risk of spreading the virus on church premises. Communion from the chalice has been suspended for the time being, and everyone is recommended to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. It is also advisable to avoid physical contact when exchanging the Sign of Peace. Sharing books is a potential source of infection so we have removed the hymn books and Mass Books. You will find the Psalm response on the other side of this sheet. We are also aiming to produce separate sheets for the hymns at the two Sunday morning Masses. Please take the newsletter and other sheets home with you when you leave the church, or place them in a recycling box. *Do not leave them behind for someone else to use.* The toilets at the front of the Parish Centre will be available before the Sunday Masses to enable you to wash your hands before coming into the church. It is important that all those ministering in any capacity at Mass should wash or sanitise their hands before undertaking their ministry. It is also advisable that anyone who experiences cold or flu symptoms should not attend Mass or other parish activities. (There is no need to mention that in Confession!) Our main concern is to protect those who are most vulnerable in the community. Hopefully our efforts will also help to slow the spread of the virus.

May God bless you all.

Fr John Dermody.

**Stations of the Cross** – During Lent, we will meditate together on the Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings after the morning Mass at about 10:25am.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020** – During Lent, we are raising money for Cardinal Vincent's appeal to support three different areas of need: Marriage and Family Life; Youth and Evangelisation; and the Church's Service in Society. Money can be placed in the marked wall box in the main porch. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special envelopes that are available in the porch. Those envelopes also provide details of how to give online or make a regular donation to the Appeal.

**Good Friday Passion Play** will be on again this year. Volunteers are needed to take part in speaking and non-speaking parts. Rehearsals will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm in the Parish Centre, and possibly an evening rehearsal on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jean-Marc Evans on 07901 603076, or Christine Fleming, if you can make it or for more details.

**Lenten Reconciliation Service** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony** – Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm. Couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, or who will have been married for 60 years or more this year, are invited to attend. Please provide your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number if you don't have email) **by next weekend** (22<sup>nd</sup> March), and an invitation will be sent to you.

**Dowry Tour** at Westminster Cathedral 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March. Full programme details are in each porch.

**Finchley Food Bank** – Donations for the Finchley Food Bank, to support families in need, may be left in one of the boxes at the church entrance. Thank you.

**Mothers' Prayer Group** meets every Thursday at 10:30am. For more, contact Cathy on 07947 741460 / catherinepellegrinelli@yahoo.com, or Isabel on 07539 611248.

**Putting God First** is the title of the Lent course that is being used this year by Churches Together in Finchley. Details of the sessions are shown on the posters in the church porch and on the leaflets available nearby.

**Catholic Newspapers** – Copies of the *Catholic Universe* and the *Catholic Herald* are on sale every week in the Repository at the back of the church.

**Parish History** – A commemorative book to mark the Centenary of the parish is available in the Repository. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover the costs would be appreciated.

**The Passage 'Big Give'** - is raising funds from 12 noon, Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March until 12 noon, Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March to support its work helping homeless people to move away from the street to a new home and to return to work. Double your Donation, Double your Impact is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (whether company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid; with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information, contact Andrew Hollingsworth at [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk) or (020) 7592 1886. Donate online at <https://bit.ly/334RmGH>.

**CAFOD Westminster is looking for schools volunteers** – to work with children in primary & secondary schools inspiring them to build a fairer world. Training and support are provided & expenses are paid. Volunteering will be in local Catholic schools - work on your own or in a team. Join us & put your faith into action. If interested, email Chris Driscoll at [wschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:wschools@cafod.org.uk) or call 07776 493162.

**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](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498.

**APF Red Boxes** – If you have a red collection box that has not been emptied for a while, please bring it along and hand it in at the Repository at the back of the church. Please make sure that your name is on the label on the bottom of the box. It will be returned after it has been emptied. The contents will be forwarded to the APF.

**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 and sign a Gift Aid declaration and then make your offerings, either by numbered envelope or directly to the parish bank account. If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up. The forms you will need are all in the rack at the back of the church.

**Polish Services** – Information is available on the Polish-language website [www.finchleyparish.co.uk](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk) or email [proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk](mailto:proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk). The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**The Catholic Trust Child Safeguarding training** – offered to all members of the Catholic community in England and Wales, free of charge via the Educare online e-learning modules. Email your name and parish to [safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk) to register for the free training.

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

**Parking Controls** – Please note that there are no restrictions on parking in the church car park during Mass or during other parish events. If you need to use the car park at another time, you must first obtain a permit from the parish office and make sure that it is displayed clearly in your car windscreen. Failure to do so may result in a penalty charge.

**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.

**CAFOD donations & Printer Cartridge Recycling** – recycle your used printer cartridges by printing off the Freepost label from <https://therecyclingfactory.com/cafod> and posting your used cartridges - a donation will be made directly to CAFOD for every recycled cartridge received.

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) for information or to apply, or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto: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.)