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There are no public services in the church until the beginning of December.

The church is open for individual, private prayer only at the following times:

Sunday 9:30-11:30am

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am

Friday 9:30-10:30am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £194.00; envelopes: £495.00; candles: £11.60.

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

33rd Sunday of the Year – 15th November 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, while the world's media were engrossed in the election of a 78-year-old to become the next President of the United States of America, Cardinal Vincent Nichols was celebrating his 75th birthday. Despite being that bit younger, the Cardinal has reached the age when Canon Law requires that he submit his resignation as a diocesan bishop. Although Pope Francis has accepted his letter of resignation, the Holy Father has requested that Cardinal Vincent remain as Archbishop of Westminster until other provision is made, and the Cardinal has humbly agreed.

Today's Gospel reading of the parable of the talents [Matthew 25:14-30] highlights how each of us has a responsibility to use the gifts that God has entrusted to us, whatever our age or status in life, and however great or small our gifts may seem to us. As we pray that our Archbishop, and President-elect Biden, may use their gifts for the benefit of all, we pray that we too may have the grace to recognise our gifts, and the courage to make the best possible use of those gifts, so that together we may help to make our world a better place.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Sick and Retired Priests Fund – This Fund gives support to priests of this Diocese who are no longer able to continue in active ministry due to sickness or old age. If you have not yet had the chance to do so, you can support the Fund in one of the following ways:

- Online donation on the diocesan website <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/sick-and-retired-priests-fund/> where you can Gift Aid your donation;
- Transfer to our parish account [details in next column], adding 'SRP' to the payment reference;
- Place offerings in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch [to your left as you enter 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.

- If you wish to Gift Aid your offering, please use one of the special envelopes, available in the church porch;
- You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the special envelope or on the Fund's poster in the porch.

Covid-19 Safety – There will be no public Mass for the rest of this month, but it remains important to observe safety measures when you come to the church:

- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your 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 who are not part of your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and minimise movement around the church;
- Leave the church by the side door, near the front of the church.

Confirmation – Sadly, the lockdown has necessitated a further postponement of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people. We can't be sure that circumstances will permit the celebration of the Sacrament in December, so we hope to plan dates early in the New Year. More information will be given when possible.

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, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>

Offertory envelopes – New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes are available for those who have been using them recently. Those who have been using envelopes with a number greater than 100 have been allocated a new, lower number. If you wish to continue using envelopes, and have not yet received your new box, please let us know.

Month of the Holy Souls – Masses will be celebrated privately throughout the month of November for our deceased relatives and friends.

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

Saturday 14th Nov – People of the Parish & November Dead

Sunday 15th Nov – Annetta Pellegrinelli RIP Anniversary

Monday 16th Nov – November Dead

Tuesday 17th Nov – November Dead

Thursday 19th Nov – November Dead

Friday 20th Nov – November Dead

Saturday 21st Nov – David O'Keeffe RIP Anniversary

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.

Charities – Many charities have been struggling this year as they have been unable to raise funds in their traditional ways. A selection of the charities that we have supported over the years are listed on the Charities page of our parish microsite, together with information about how you can help them now. Please consider choosing one to support. You can find the information via this link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/charities/>

Mary's Meals – It will not be possible to have the usual Rags to Riches collection of clothing and fabrics for Mary's Meals this year, but you can donate to the charity online, and from now until the end of January 2021 all donations will be matched by the UK Government. Find out more or donate at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove>

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.

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.

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. <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.

The Universe – Free trial digital subscription – The Universe are offering a free download of the newspaper every week until January. You can get all the news and features from this Catholic newspaper direct to your home computer, smartphone or tablet. To register, go to <https://thecatholicuniverse.com/subscription-trial/>

Thought for the Week

People don't care how much you know.
They just need to know you care.

Truths offered by children

- Don't let your Mum brush your hair when she's annoyed with your Dad.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. It's always the second person who gets caught.