

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: £604.88;
loose: £600.80; total: £1205.68.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

The three apostles who witnessed Christ's Transfiguration on the mountain saw a glimpse of the glory which he shares with his heavenly Father. But they also came to understand that the path to the fullness of that glory was along the way of suffering. During Lent, we look for the grace to open ourselves to the signs of God's presence within us and among us, as we seek his help to persevere through the challenges of this life on our way to sharing in his risen glory.

This Sunday coincides with the feast of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. I wish a happy feast day to all those with Irish roots and to all the Patricks (and Patricias) in the parish.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – Following the Fast Day on Friday, there is a retiring collection for CAFOD after the Masses this weekend. If you are not able to donate today, please take one of the special green envelopes and return it with your offering next weekend. Tax-payers can increase the value of their donation by completing the Gift Aid declaration on the envelope.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Sat. 8 June at 3pm. For couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th & 60th (& every year over 60) wedding anniversary. If you would like an invitation to attend, we need to have the following details **this weekend**: husband & wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

First Holy Communion – There is a meeting for the parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion on Thursday (21st) at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. At least one parent for each child must attend that meeting. The children have a workshop and their First Reconciliation next Saturday and a special liturgy at the 11:30am Mass next Sunday.

Cake Sale this Sunday, 17th, after each Mass. Proceeds to the Jesuit Refugee Service.

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday during Lent after the morning Mass at about 10:25am.

Reconciliation Service – We have our Lenten Reconciliation Service on Thursday 28th March at 7:30pm..

Parish Retreat – One of the special events of our Centenary Year is the Parish Retreat to be given by Bishop John Crowley on Saturday 6th April beginning at 10:00am and finishing around 3pm. See the poster in the porch for an outline of the timetable for the day.

Children's Liturgy – Please encourage the children to come to the Meeting Room from 11:00am on Sunday to prepare for the Family Mass.

Italian Evening – Saturday 23rd March in St Philip's Parish Centre, 7:30pm. North London Catenians present a fun-packed evening of Italian dance, music and Italian food. Price (including buffet): £20. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and are available after Mass today or from Lionel (020 8368 0314) or Bill (020 8349 9691).

Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:30pm, Monday 18th March at Nazareth House. If interested do come or phone 8365 2381.

Lent Study Groups with Churches Together in Finchley – every Wednesday during Lent at 1:30pm (at Trinity Church, Nether St, N12) or 7:30pm (at 63 Holdenhurst Ave, N12 0HY). Starts 13 March. All welcome.

Friday Lent Lunches, 12:30-1:45pm: **22nd March** at Christ Church, High Rd, N12; **29th March** at St Barnabas Church, High Rd, N12; **5th April** at St Philip the Apostle, N3; **12th April** at Trinity Church, Nether St, N12. All welcome.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal – Cardinal Vincent's appeal for Lent this year is focussed on the growing issue of food poverty. Throughout the Season of Lent, there is a wall box in the main porch to take your donations for this appeal. To Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the red envelopes.

Parish Centenary 1919 – 2019 Dates for your diaries

6 April	Parish Retreat – Bishop John Crowley
28 April	Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started
4 May	Patronal Feast – Variety Show with refreshments
9 May	Slide show highlighting parts of Centenary Walk
19 May	Centenary Walk
2 June	Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started
28-30 June	Flower Festival plus exhibition
29 June	Strawberry Tea in Parish Centre
14 July	Children's Picnic/Games in Stephens House Gardens (Avenue House) following the 11:30am Family Mass
14 Sept.	Jubilee Mass followed by buffet reception parish centre
5 Oct.	International Food Fair

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 Services – Information is available on the Polish-language website www.finchleyparish.co.uk, or email proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Galuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Rosary Procession Prayer Vigil, Saturday 30th March, St Francis of Assisi Church, Stratford: Mass at 10am; procession to BPAS 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.catholicsingles.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/>

Planned Giving envelopes – There are still a number of unclaimed boxes of envelopes. They can be collected 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 tax-payer, 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.

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.

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.)

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.

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/>