

## **St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End**

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### **Service times this week**

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

11:30am

*Mass in Polish: Sunday 6:30pm*

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £244.70;

envelopes: £329.70; candles: £92.13.

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

## **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Parishioners,

This week marks the end of many of the coronavirus-related regulations that have affected us all for several months, but the threat of Covid-19 has not gone away, and we still have to be cautious. The use of face masks in church will be optional, but their continued use is recommended. Those who choose not to wear a mask should try to keep a distance from others while inside the building. We have to be sensitive to the needs and the vulnerabilities of those around us.

The wiping of benches after each Mass is no longer considered necessary, as the risk of infection is very small. I am very grateful to all of those who have persevered with that task over the past year. I am sure you will be relieved to hear that you can now stand down! To reduce any risk of transmission still further, it is recommended that everyone continue to use the hand sanitiser as they enter the church.

There will no longer be any formal limit on seating capacity, but it seems desirable to maintain space between people in the church. The present layout of seating will remain for the moment, but will be reviewed as circumstances change. If the number of people in the church begins to pose a risk, we may still have to restrict admissions, in order to ensure everyone's safety.

On a positive note, we are looking forward to reintroducing communal singing from next weekend. Wearing a face mask while singing will help to minimise the risk of aerosol dispersal.

This week's changes highlight our shared responsibility to keep each other safe. The more we manage to achieve that goal, the more we can begin to get an increased sense of normality in our lives. We look for the help of the Holy Spirit to guide us on the best path.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Sea Sunday** – Donations for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) can still be made, either via their website at <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate/> or in the wall box

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marked for this purpose in the church porch. For those who would like to Gift Aid a donation by cash or cheque, there are special envelopes in the church porch.

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

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00am – Emmanuel Nwadiogbu RIP  
6:30pm – Molly McElwaine RIP Anniv.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30am – People of the Parish

11:30am – Elizabeth Robshaw RIP Anniv.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00am – Benefactors (SCNCF)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00am – Thomas Moringiello RIP

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10:00am – Michael Thomas RIP Anniv.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 10:00am – Joseph Scully RIP Anniv.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00am – Pat & Bill Costello RIP

6:30pm – Timothy Hackett RIP Anniv.

**First Holy Communion** – We hope to begin a new First Holy Communion programme in the autumn term this year, but would like an indication of how many children are likely to be taking part. Parents with children who are now in Years 2 and 3 are invited to give that indication by completing an application form for their child. Forms are available at the back of the church, or you can download one from <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/sacrament/>. The forms that have already been received give a helpful indication of demand for the course, but applications are still welcomed.

**Confirmation** – We are also aiming to begin the new Confirmation programme next term. Applications are invited from those who are currently in Year 8 (or above) and who have been attending St Philip's Church regularly. Forms are available at the back of the church, or they can be downloaded from the parish microsite (same link as in the previous item).

**Church offerings** – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall box in the main porch, or in the wooden box at the front of the church. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." A preferred option is to make a transfer, or set up a standing order, 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 at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

**Newsletter distribution** – Don't forget that you can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. You can also receive the latest copy every week via email. Do that by clicking the 'Subscribe to Alerts' button, which is now at the bottom of each page on the parish microsite, or simply let us know that you would like to receive the weekly email. You can unsubscribe at any time. You might also like to think about passing a copy of the newsletter to a neighbour or friend who is not able to get to the church or access the internet.

**Gift Aid** – If you are a tax-payer, and haven't yet completed a Gift Aid declaration for your contributions to the parish, it can now be set up very simply by email. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for more information.

**CAFOD donations for India** - As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, *Caritas India*, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

**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](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk) or email [mgaluszka2@gmail.com](mailto:mgaluszka2@gmail.com). The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Galuszka, 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: **The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.**  
**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.

*From next weekend, we will revert to using the Nicene Creed on Sundays and solemnities.*