

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: £437.09;
envelopes: £589.00; total: £1026.09.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

The images that we have of Christ in our Advent and Christmas celebrations are filled with peace and joy. We see a dramatic contrast to those images in today's Gospel reading. It comes as a surprise to us to hear Jesus saying that he has not come to bring peace, but rather division. St Luke's community were facing persecution when he put his Gospel in writing. For them, choosing to follow Christ very often put them in conflict with the people around them, including the members of their own families. For us, the choice is not as dramatic, but the Gospel message reminds us that sometimes we have to choose between joining the crowd, or taking the path that we sincerely believe to be the right one. Following our conscience has to take priority, even when it means rejecting the choices that are made by those whom we have come to love and respect, because that is the only way that brings us a lasting sense of inner peace.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Sunday Coffee – Refreshments will continue to be served in the Parish Centre after the 9:30 Mass each Sunday but, while the main toilets are being refurbished this month, access will be via the passage on the far side of the Parish Centre. Toilets are available at the rear of the hall, beyond the bar area.

Mission Appeal – Next weekend we will be joined by Father Frank Nolan who will be making the annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers). There will be a retiring collection after each of the Masses next Sunday.

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.

Centenary Mass – The highlight of our Centenary Year will be a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Saturday 14th September at 6:30pm, which will be followed by an informal reception in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion 2020 – Applications are invited for children who will be in Year 3 (or above) in September and who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year. Families should have been attending St Philip's Church regularly for at least three months before submitting an application. Yellow forms, which are available in the main porch, must be returned by Sunday 15th September and must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate if the child was not baptised at St Philip's.

Confirmation 2020 - Applications are invited from young people who will be in Year 9 (or above) in September and who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. Forms should be completed by the candidate, who should have been attending St Philip's Church regularly for at least three months before submitting the application. Green forms, which are available in the main porch, must be returned by Sunday 15th September and must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate, showing the address of the church of Baptism, if the candidate was not baptised at St Philip's.

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.

A Memorial Mass for Father John Ball – is taking place on Thursday 19th September at St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School, Nether Street, North Finchley N12 7NJ at 7pm - followed by refreshments. An email to office@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk or call (020) 8446 2256; would be helpful if you are planning to attend. All most welcome.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford – on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2019 from 10 am to 5 pm. Organised by The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers, to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock in Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX. Led by Rt Rev Bishop Patrick Lynch SS CC - Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Diocese and The Marian Fathers. Coaches leave from London. Call 020 8998 0925 to book or for more information.

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.

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.

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 Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

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 – 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.

Volunteers requested – The SVP in East Finchley support a weekly soup kitchen at the Baptist Church in Muswell Hill. They are looking for more volunteers to help. No experience required. More information is available on request.

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.)