

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

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### **Service Times this week**

Sunday Masses: Saturday: **6:30pm**  
Sunday: **8:30am**  
**10:00am (Sung)**  
**12 noon (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: £583.83;  
loose: £521.21; total: £1105.04.  
Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection: £1158.75.  
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year – page 157**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday has been designated by Pope Francis as the World Day of the Poor. Poverty is not just something that is experienced in far-away places. We see signs of poverty all around us. The increasing number of families who are relying on foodbanks is a clear indication of that trend. As a parish community, we offer support through organisations such as the Finchley Foodbank, Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB) and the Cardinal Hume Centre. As individuals we can all play some part in trying to overcome some of the injustices of our world. Let us pray for openness to the needs of others and for the courage to show solidarity with those who struggle. There are special prayer cards produced by Caritas Westminster in the church porch. You can get more information at [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk).

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch** – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm – Invitations to this annual event are available from now until 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you would like to attend this event, or know of someone who would like to come, please write your/their name and contact number on a form (available at both exits), place the form in one of the boxes and take the invitation with you. For further information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.

**Planned Giving envelopes** – New boxes of envelopes are available for those who have been using weekly offertory envelopes regularly. They may be collected from the Weekday Chapel before or after Sunday Mass or 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 giving the necessary details. If you are a tax-payer, please complete a Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim the tax you have paid on your offering.

**New Sunday Mass times** – From 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019, there will be only two Sunday morning Masses, the Sung Mass at 9:30 and the Family Mass at 11:30. Saturday evening and weekday Mass times will remain the same.

**Sale of Palestinian Olive Oil** and other items, after each Mass this weekend (17/18 November), to support Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land.

**Prayers for the Holy Souls** in Purgatory will be said after weekday morning Mass during the month of November.

**November Dead List** – During the month of November, one Mass is celebrated each day for our deceased loved ones.

**St Theresa's School Christmas Fair** – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 12 noon – 3pm, at the School.

**St Michael's Christmas Bazaar**, 11-3pm, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Come and see the story of Saint Oscar Romero**, Archbishop of San Salvador, at St Philip's Parish Centre on Sat. 1 December. Tea & cakes at 3:45pm followed by film at 4:30pm (ends 6:10pm). It's free and all are welcome.

**Christmas Vigil Mass** – There will be a Nativity Presentation by the children during the Vigil Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will take place in the church on the previous three Sundays – 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December – at 3pm, and will last about 90 minutes. For further information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.

**Parish Centenary** – We are looking for a photo of **Fr George Ingram** who was Parish Priest at St Philip's from 1957 to 1964 to include in the Centenary souvenir booklet. Can you help? Other photos of significant events in the parish's history would also be welcomed.

**Fire Marshals** – Thank you to those who have volunteered to act as Fire Marshals. There will be a training session at St Edward's Parish Centre in Golders Green on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7-9pm. Please let Fr John know if you wish to attend.

**School References** – Parents who have been attending Mass regularly at St Philip's and who require a Certificate of Catholic Practice for primary school applications are invited to come on Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup> November), between 7-7:30pm. Please come initially to the Weekday Chapel.

**Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary, N12 0JP** – Applications are invited for **Reception Class Sept. 2019** for children born 01/9/2014 to 31/8/2015. Deadline 15/01/19. Applications for **Nursery for Sept. 2019** for children born 1/4/2016 to 31/3/2017. Deadline 30/01/19. Download forms at [www.olol.barnetschool.org.uk](http://www.olol.barnetschool.org.uk). **Open Day** Wednesday 21 November at 9:30am, 1:30pm and 7pm.

**Can you please help the Finchley Foodbank** by buying one extra item of non-perishable food when you do your weekly food shop, and put it in the box in either of the porches. Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

**CAFOD World Gifts** – Support those in need while letting your loved ones know you are thinking of them at Christmas. Pick up a leaflet in the porch or visit [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts).

**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 new Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gałuszka, 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/>

**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.

**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/>

**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

**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](mailto:dor.jonriley@yahoo.co.uk).

**Follow Me** – This group is especially for adults wishing to participate in the Sacraments or simply to know more about the Catholic Church. It is taking a break now until after Christmas but normally meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room. Newcomers are welcome.

**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.)

**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).

**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.