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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 10:30am-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £307.13;

envelopes: £146.00; candles: £141.61.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

After Jesus had been teaching a large crowd of people, and healing their sick, for a large part of the day in a deserted place, the apostles suggested that he should send the people away so that they could find food and accommodation elsewhere. When Jesus responded by telling the apostles to feed the crowd themselves, they pointed to the meagre provisions that were on offer. Jesus proceeded to use those provisions of five loaves and two fish to feed the vast crowd, with plenty left over.

That miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish has clear Eucharistic overtones. Just as Jesus responded to the needs of that vast crowd, so he responds to our needs through the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. In the Eucharist, Christ offers us himself. He gives us the grace to enable us to persevere through our own personal limitations.

Christ wasn't thinking only of the spiritual needs of the people gathered that day. He was also ready to address their physical needs, ensuring that they had enough food to sustain them for their onward journey. He challenged the apostles to make use of the resources they had available in order to provide for those wider needs. Christ then proceeded to magnify the effects of what they had to offer.

As we gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist, we recognise the graces that Christ offers to us in this Sacrament. But we also recognise his call to each one of us to make use of the resources that have been entrusted to us, for the benefit of the wider community. We may look at our gifts and, like the apostles, ask how they can make much difference to the great needs we see around us. What we can offer may not seem very much but, the more we seek to share our gifts with others, the more we can see the effects of our generosity magnified by the Lord, for the common good of all.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Sunday Coffee – Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome.

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

Saturday 18th June, 10:00am – Giuseppe Fusco RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Mary Clohessy RIP

Sunday 19th June, 9:30am – People of the Parish

11:30am – Catherine O'Brien RIP

Monday 20th June, 10:00am – Giuseppe Pedri RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 21st June, 10:00am – Teresa Mannion RIP Anniv.

Thursday 23rd June, 10:00am – Mary Casey RIP Anniv.

Friday 24th June, 10:00am – Mary Clohessy RIP

Saturday 25th June, 10:00am – Cyril Dias RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Bernard Bradley RIP Anniv.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is on Wednesday 29th June. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we will have Mass on that day at 12 noon and 7:30pm.

Family Picnic in the Park on Sunday 10th July at 1pm – All are welcome to join Christine and her team at this event (weather permitting), at Stephens Gardens (opposite Children's playground); just turn up with your own picnic. There will be a mini sports day and some exciting games for the children. Looking forward to seeing you there. For further information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.

Ukraine Humanitarian Aid – Donations to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal can be made via their website - <https://www.dec.org.uk/>. Other voluntary groups are helping to provide relief in areas that are not reached by the main charities. #WeAreUkraine is one such group, run in coordination with Ukraine Charity Fund. For more information about that group, see the poster in the church porch. You can donate towards their work on their Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/weareukraine>.

Bible Reading sessions – come and join us in the parish meeting room on Monday evenings at 7.30pm-9pm. For more information please contact Anne on 07986 587424 or (020) 8365 2381.

Mothers' Prayer Group – continues to gather on Thursdays, after the morning Mass, at 10.30am in the Meeting Room.

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.) For more information, see: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

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.

Peter's Pence is a collection that is made each year throughout the world, which enables the Holy Father to respond to humanitarian needs on behalf of the Church. Donations can be made in the wall box marked for that purpose in the main porch. You can also make a direct donation online via the following link: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

East Finchley Faith and Peace Walk, organised by Barnet Multi Faith Forum, in collaboration with Middlesex University Inter Faith Network, will visit places of worship and open spaces around East Finchley. It is on Saturday 25th June, 11am to 4pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/3xn0gk0>. For more information, see the poster, or email faithwalk@barnetmultifaithforum.org.

Repository – The shop at the back of the church is open before and after each of the Sunday Masses. Cards, books and other religious items are available to purchase.

Our Lady of Lourdes School - in Bow Lane, N12, is still accepting applications to its Nursery for September 2022. If your child was born between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020 please apply. All information can be found on the school website <http://www.ololbarnetschool.org.uk>

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023 are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5. Parents should ensure that they read the Admissions Policy prior to making an application and provide the original Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by their Parish Priest by the closing date of 4pm on Tuesday 5 July 2022. Applications can be made through the online system, which you can be found via the following link: <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24/>.

La Sainte Union School warmly welcome any Ukrainian families - La Sainte Union School warmly welcome any Ukrainian families looking for a school place. We have several Ukrainian students joining us already, and we have made places available for students to start immediately. Please email admissions@lsu.camden.sch.uk or call the school directly 0207 428 4600.

Loreto College (St Albans) Centenary Garden Party - on Sunday 10th July 2022 12pm to 6pm (last admission 5pm). Admission £5.00 per person (FREE entry for children aged 5 and under), there will be live music by the popular local band *Soulfish*, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. For ticket page and more information at www.loreto.herts.sch.uk.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. CSAN, which is addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

Will you take the first Step? - CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022; go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

World Youth Day 2023, Looking to Lisbon - will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31 July 2022.

Foreign Coins – If you have any foreign coins that you no longer need, or any coins that have ceased to be legal tender, you can place them in the designated wall-box in the main porch (near the Repository door). They will be passed onto the North London Hospice to support their work of palliative and end-of-life care. Please avoid putting foreign, or out-of-date, coins in any of the other boxes.

The paradox of abundance - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

The Universe Catholic Weekly - is thrilled to announce the launch of their new online newspaper with the full support of first subscriber, His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. To order your free Digital trial supply or a subscription offer is only £20.00 for 13 issues! Call 07436 617650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

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Polish Services – For information about Polish services, visit the Polish-language website <http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk/>. Contact Fr Marek Gałuszka at mgaluszka2@gmail.com or 07984 293753.