

## **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: £284.60;  
envelopes: £234.20; candles: £110.91.  
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

## **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus asked his disciples what they had been arguing about as they walked along the road. They were too embarrassed to respond to his question because they had been arguing about which of them would be the greatest in Christ's kingdom. He reminded them that greatness in his kingdom was the result of service to others. To illustrate his point, he placed a child in front of them, and reminded them that it is those who seek the welfare of the most vulnerable members of society who will be considered great in his kingdom.

It is good for us to reflect on that question that Christ asked his disciples: what do we talk about when we are out and about? Would we be happy to share the answer to that question with the Lord? (Of course, he is already aware!) Or, like the disciples, would we have to acknowledge that we don't always reflect our discipleship of Christ in our conversations with others?

It is a paradox of Christian discipleship that it is not those who push themselves to the front of the queue who will gain the places of honour in Christ's kingdom. It is rather those who put the needs of others first who will find themselves honoured. We look for the grace to imitate Christ's example of service of our neighbour.

May God bless you all,  
Fr John Dermody.

**Funeral, Brigid (Brid) Lynch R.I.P.** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 1:30pm. We offer our condolences to her family. May she rest in peace. (There will also be the usual morning Mass on Friday.)

**Sacramental Preparation** – Applications for First Holy Communion and Confirmation must be received by this Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> September) at the latest. As we are restricted on numbers this year, no further applications will be accepted after today. There is more information at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/sacraments/>.

**If you pick up a paper copy of this newsletter in the church, please make sure that you take it with you when you leave, together with all your personal belongings. If you don't wish to take used hymn sheets with you, please place them in a recycling box as you leave the church. Don't leave any used items behind in the benches.**

**First Holy Communion** – The first meeting for parents will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre, and the children will have their first workshop on the following Saturday.

**Confirmation** – The new Confirmation programme will be starting next Saturday (25<sup>th</sup> September). There will be a meeting for candidates and their parents at 4:45pm. Bishop John Sherrington will be coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 3pm. Other details will be provided at the introductory meeting.

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

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

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am – In honour of St Anthony  
6:30pm – Brendan McCaffrey RIP  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 9:30am – People of the Parish  
11:30am – John Mary Donie,  
Taid Sheahan & Ben Seymour RIP  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am – Marjorie Sheppard RIP  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept., 10:00am – Gino Mansi RIP  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept., 10:00am – Margaret Berry (Intention)  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am – Margaret Steadman RIP  
1:30pm - Funeral, Brigid Lynch RIP  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am – Stanislaus Paul RIP  
6:30pm – People of the Parish

**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/>.

**Home Mission Sunday** – This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday, a day when we pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Donations to support that work can be made in the wall box marked for that purpose in the main porch, or visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home-mission/>.

**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 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.

**Parish History** – A commemorative book was published to mark the Centenary of the parish in 2019. You can pick up a copy in the Repository at the back of the church, or we can arrange to post a copy. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

**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.

**CAFOD & multiple emergencies across the world** - CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

**CAFOD Schools volunteers needed** - Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? No experience necessary. Full support and regular training provided. There is a particular need for volunteers to visit schools in Hertfordshire, Ealing, Brent, Hounslow and Camden. If you are interested in these volunteer roles, please contact Chris Driscoll at [westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk) or call 07776 493162.

**Cardinal Vaughan Open Evenings** - there is no need to book. *Year 7 Open Evening* - Thursday 23rd September 2021. The Head will speak at 4.30pm and at 6.00pm. The last tour of the school will be at 6.15pm. *Year 12 Open Evenings* - Thursday 7th and Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 5.00pm. The Head will speak at 5.00pm. The last tour of the school will be at 6.00pm. For more information, visit [www.cvms.co.uk](http://www.cvms.co.uk).

**Vacancy – Head's PA** – Finchley Catholic High School require an experienced PA. See the vacancies board or visit [www.finchleycatholic.org.uk](http://www.finchleycatholic.org.uk).

**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.

### **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 upholds my life.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,**  
**anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**  
**Alleluia!**

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things, visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, [bow]  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.