

## **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: envelopes: £476.71;  
loose: £428.18; total: £904.89.  
White Flower Appeal Collection (SPUC): £302.68.  
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

When Mary noticed that the wine had all been used up at the marriage feast at Cana, she referred the problem to her Son. Apparently ignoring his protest that his "hour had not yet come", she simply told the servants to "do whatever he tells you." Jesus then not only solved their dilemma, but he provided them with an abundance of top-quality wine. Mary was never far from her Son until his "hour" did finally come – on Calvary. She also remains with us, recognising our needs and placing those needs before her Son. But she also gives us that instruction that she gave to the servants at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you." As St Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading, God has entrusted each of us with our own particular gifts. When we use those gifts for the benefit of others, God's grace magnifies the efforts that we make, and enables us to appreciate the abundance of his generosity towards each one of us.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Children's Liturgy** – As the Family Mass now starts half an hour earlier, the session for the children before that Mass now begins at 11:00am in the Meeting Room. Please encourage the children to attend that session to help them prepare for the Mass.

**Cake Sale** this Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>) after both Masses, proceeds to Pax Christi to support their work for justice and peace.

**Confirmation Group** – The next session for the Confirmation candidates is next Saturday (26<sup>th</sup>) at 4:45pm in the Parish Centre.

**Holocaust Memorial Day**, commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kindertransport, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm, St Mary-at-Finchley, Hendon Lane N3 1TR. See poster for more information.

**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.

**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 Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**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.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

**Planned Giving envelopes** – There are still a number of unclaimed boxes of envelopes. They can be collected 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 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.

**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).

**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).

**Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary, N12 OJP** – Applications are invited for **Reception Class Sept. 2019** for children born 01/9/2014 to 31/8/2015. Deadline 15/01/2019. 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).

**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/>

**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.

