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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

11:30am

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £106.00;

envelopes: £365.00; candles: £58.09.

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

First Sunday of Lent – 21st February 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The restrictions that we have faced in the past year have been challenging for all of us. Not being able to do the things we feel we should be able to do is very wearing. But we have to consider ourselves fortunate that we are still able to obtain most of the things that are essential to keep us going. This coming Friday is the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. It is a day when we think about those who are much less fortunate than ourselves. In particular this year, CAFOD are highlighting the plight of those who have to walk for several hours every day, simply to obtain water for themselves and their families. The charity is working with its partners to help such people get access to water closer to home.

We are not able to have our usual retiring collection for CAFOD this year, but you can make a donation online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. There is also a wall box in the main porch in which you can leave a donation. Envelopes are available for those who would like to Gift Aid a donation by cash or cheque. (Please make cheques payable to 'St Philip the Apostle Finchley'.) You can also donate by text message. More details are available on our microsite at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/charities/>.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of our Lenten discipline, helping us to draw closer to God and to those around us, especially to those who are most in need of our help.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Covid-19 Safety – We are able to continue our schedule of Masses, but we have to keep to the safety measures that have been put in place:

- Make sure you book for each Mass you wish to attend, either on the online service or by email or phone;
- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are in the church (apart from when receiving Holy Communion);

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. Don't leave any used copies behind in the church.

- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;
- Maintain a social distance from those outside your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and avoid unnecessary movement within the church;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

Lenten Alms – During Lent, one of the wall boxes in the main porch is marked for donations to the Cardinal's Appeal, which supports the areas of Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and the Church's Service in Society. You can also donate directly via the following link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/cardinals-appeal/>

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

Saturday 20th Feb, 10:00am – Mary Maree RIP

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 21st Feb, 9:30am – Maria Passafonti RIP

11:30am – Alexander Lyon (Intention)

Monday 22nd Feb, 10:00am – Annie Lally RIP

Tuesday 23rd Feb, 10:00am – Patrick Hanafin RIP

Thursday 25th Feb, 10:00am – Mark Twomey RIP

Friday 26th Feb, 10:00am – Fr Enda Keenan RIP

Saturday 27th Feb, 10:00am – Francis Lennon RIP

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Newsletter distribution – Don't forget that you can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. You can also receive a copy every week by email if you sign up for e-Alerts on the parish microsite. You might also like to think about passing a copy to a neighbour or friend who is not able to get to the church or to access the internet.

NHS COVID-19 app – Use the app to check in at the church, by scanning the QR code in the porch. The code is on posters displayed on your left as you enter the main door. This does not replace the need to book for Mass.

Booking for Mass – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other major feast days. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as to keep records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. Visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/> to access the online booking service. If you are unable to book online, you can also request a booking with a phone call to the parish number, or by email, saying which Mass you wish to attend and providing your contact details. The information supplied will be deleted 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. Those who come without booking will not be admitted if the building has reached its safe capacity. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for up-to date information. If you are not able to attend after booking a place for Mass, please let us know by email or phone, so that your place may be reallocated.

Church offerings – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch. Cheques should be made payable to “WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley.” Envelopes may also be placed in the wooden box at the front of the church. A preferred option is to make a transfer 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 using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax-payer, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. A Gift Aid declaration can now be completed by email. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for details of the information that is required. If you have made a Gift Aid declaration, but are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover your offerings, please let us know, so that we can exclude your donations from our claim.

Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent – CAFOD suggests walking 10,000 steps, either on one day or every day during Lent, as a sign of solidarity with those who do not have access to a safe water source, and have to walk to get water every day. Find more information, or sign up online, at cafod.org.uk/walk.

Funeral, Margaret Smyth RIP – Peggy’s funeral will take place this week, within the coronavirus restrictions. May she rest in peace.

Parish History – A commemorative book was published to mark the Centenary of the parish in 2019. We can arrange to post a copy to you. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

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 Community – Information about Polish services is available on the Polish-language website www.finchleyparish.co.uk or email mgaluszka2@gmail.com. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

This Sunday’s responses:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, *[bow]*
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

There is no Gloria on Sundays during Lent, but it is used on Solemnities and Feasts during the week.

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.