

St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End

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Service Times this week

Sunday Masses: Saturday: **8:30pm** (Easter Vigil)

Sunday: **9:30am** (*Sung*)

11:30am (*Family*)

6:00am (*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: £459.53;
loose: £642.30; total: £1101.83.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

When Mary Magdalene and the apostles first went to Christ's tomb on Sunday morning, all they could see was that Christ wasn't there. It would take time for them to come to terms with the reality that Christ had indeed risen from the dead, as he had said he would. When we look at the world around us, we may also be struck by a sense of the Lord's absence. It is when we try to see with the eyes of faith that we begin to recognise the signs of God's grace at work. For seven weeks of the Easter season we will reflect on the experience of the apostles as they responded to the gift of the Holy Spirit to share the good news that Christ is indeed risen from the dead and that he is present within us and among us. It is by the gift of that same Spirit that we seek to respond to the graces that God offers to us so that we may help to bring the signs of Christ's love into the world.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Bank Holiday Monday – Mass on Easter Monday will be at the usual time of 10:00am.

First Holy Communion – There is a meeting for parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion on Thursday (25th) at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is to discuss the arrangements for the First Holy Communion day, so it is important that at least one parent for each child attend that meeting. The children have a workshop next Saturday and a special liturgy at the 11:30 Mass next Sunday.

Feast of St Philip – This Centenary year, our patronal feast will be marked by a variety show / buffet / centenary quiz in the Parish Centre after the Saturday evening Mass on 4th May. The Variety Show will celebrate music through the decades. Entrance is free, but there will be a collection for our Centenary charity (St Theresa's School). Please give your support. For more information, contact Christine Fleming (07709 721957).

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal – Cardinal Vincent's appeal for Lent this year focused on the growing issue of food poverty. There is a wall box in the main porch where you can still place your donations for this appeal. To Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special red envelopes provided.

Visit to Manor House – As part of our Centenary celebration, we have been able to secure two visits to the Manor House where Mass was first celebrated in the parish. The first of those visits is fully booked. The second will be on Sunday afternoon 2nd June, 2.30pm. As space is limited, there is a maximum of 25 participants.

For security reasons, names and contact details will be required in advance. Booking forms are available in the main porch, and must be returned by 20th May. Sorry, there will be NO admission on the day without prior booking. Car parking on site is extremely limited and restricted to Blue Badge holders only. Please add car registration number to booking form.

Polish Easter Celebration – The Polish Community have their Easter Sunday Mass at 6:00am! That will be followed by a traditional Easter breakfast, in the Parish Centre, between 8:00-11:30, to which the rest of the community are invited.

Parish Centenary 1919–2019 - Dates for your diaries

28 April Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started

4 May Patronal Feast – Variety Show with refreshments

9 May Slide show highlighting parts of Centenary Walk

19 May Centenary Walk

2 June Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started

28-30 June Flower Festival plus exhibition

29 June Strawberry Tea in Parish Centre

14 July Children's Picnic/Games in Stephens House Gardens (Avenue House) following the 11:30am Family Mass

26 Aug. Senior Parishioners' Tea Party

14 Sept. Jubilee Mass followed by buffet reception

5 Oct. International Food Fair

8 Nov. Choir Musical Evening

Mass for Migrant People – Monday 6th May, Westminster Cathedral, SW1P 1LT. Gathering 9am; Procession at 10am; Mass begins at 10:30am.

Polish Services – Information is available on the Polish-language website www.finchleyparish.co.uk, or email proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Galuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Gift Aid – As we move into a new Tax Year, it is time to check that you have paid sufficient tax to cover all of your Gift Aid donations for the past year. If not, please let us know, so that you can be excluded from our claim for a tax refund. Otherwise, HMRC may ask you to repay the tax that has been claimed.

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.

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 or tel. 0161 941 3498

Children's Liturgy – Please encourage the children to come to the Meeting Room from 11:00am on Sunday to prepare for the Family Mass.

Planned Giving envelopes – If you haven't yet picked up your box of envelopes, they can be collected from the Priests House. 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 taxpayer, please also complete a Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim the tax you have paid on your offering.

Do you have old rosary beads that are no longer needed? The Catenian Rosary Group has been sending unused rosaries to Aborigines 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.

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 for information or to apply, or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

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.)

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/>