

## St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End

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There are no public services in the church until 3rd December.

The church is open for individual, private prayer only at the following times:

Sunday 9:30-11:30am

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am

Friday 9:30-10:30am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £30.00; envelopes: £180.00; candles: £15.87.

Electronic donations during October: £2036.50.

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

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parishioners,

This week's news that vaccines have been developed which seem to be effective in tackling Covid-19 is encouraging, but we realise that it will be some time before any effects become widespread. In the meantime, we have to be patient and do what we can to minimise the spread of the infection.

Today's feast of Christ the King celebrates Christ as the King of the Universe. We look forward to the final realisation of his kingdom of "truth and life...holiness and grace...justice, love and peace." But today's Gospel parable of the Last Judgement [Matthew 25:31-46] focuses on how we prepare for that kingdom in the reality of our lives, here and now. That final judgement will be based on how we have recognised the face of Christ in those around us, especially in those who are in any kind of need. We are called to treat others in the same way in which we would want to treat Christ himself.

There are many ways in which we can serve the needs of those around us. At the moment, one of the ways in which we can respond is by being patient and doing all we can to minimise the spread of the coronavirus. Advent and Christmas this year will be challenging for all of us, but we live in a spirit of hope, whatever our circumstances may be, and we look for the opportunities to reflect the love of Christ to others in every way that we can.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Sick and Retired Priests Fund** – This Fund gives support to priests of this Diocese who are no longer able to continue in active ministry due to sickness or old age. If you have not yet had the chance to do so, you can support the Fund in one of the following ways:

- Online donation on the diocesan website <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/sick-and-retired-priests-fund/> where you can Gift Aid your donation;

**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.**

- Transfer to our parish account [details below], adding 'SRP' to the payment reference;
- Place offerings in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch [to your left as you enter the church];
- If you wish to Gift Aid your offering, please use one of the special envelopes, available in the church porch;
- You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the special envelope or on the Fund's poster in the porch.

**Covid-19 Safety** – We hope to resume our normal schedule of Masses on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December but, in the meantime, it remains important to observe safety measures when you come to the church:

- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are 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 who are not part of your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and minimise movement around the church;
- Leave the church by the side door, near the front of the church.

**Confirmation** – Sadly, the lockdown has necessitated a further postponement of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people. We can't be sure that circumstances will permit the celebration of the Sacrament in December, so we hope to plan dates early in the New Year. More information will be given when possible.

**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, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

**Offertory envelopes** – New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes are available for those who have been using them recently. Those who have been using envelopes with a number greater than 100 have been allocated a new, lower number. If you wish to continue using envelopes, and have not yet received your new box, please let us know.

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

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – David O'Keeffe RIP Anniversary

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – People of the Parish & November Dead

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Idinha Pereira RIP Anniversary

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bill Costello RIP Anniversary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – November Dead

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – November Dead

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – November Dead

**Month of the Holy Souls** – Masses are celebrated privately throughout the month of November for our deceased relatives and friends.

**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.

**St Theresa's Catholic Primary School** – Applications are invited for Reception Class for September 2021 for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Forms are available on the School website at <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/> and must be returned by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. There are also currently vacancies in other classes. Contact the School for information, at [office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net) or (020) 8346 8826.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School** in Bow Lane is taking applications for September 2021 for both Reception and Nursery. See <https://www.ololbarnetschool.org.uk/>

**Finchley Catholic High School** has held a virtual Open Evening for its Sixth Form. You will find links to the presentations via the Schools page of our parish microsite at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/schools/>.

**Charities** – Many charities have been struggling this year as they have been unable to raise funds in their traditional ways. A selection of the charities that we have supported over the years are listed on the Charities page of our parish microsite, together with information about how you can help them now. Please consider choosing one to support. You can find the information via this link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/charities/>

**Mary's Meals** – It will not be possible to have the usual Rags to Riches collection of clothing and fabrics for Mary's Meals this year, but you can donate to the charity online, and from now until the end of January 2021 all donations will be matched by the UK Government. Find out more or donate at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove>

**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.

**Polish Community** – Information about Polish services is available on the Polish-language website [www.finchleyparish.co.uk](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk) or email [mgaluszka2@gmail.com](mailto:mgaluszka2@gmail.com). The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**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 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.

**The Universe – Free trial digital subscription** – The Universe are offering a free download of the newspaper every week until January. You can get all the news and features from this Catholic newspaper direct to your home computer, smartphone or tablet. See <https://thecatholicuniverse.com/subscription-trial/>

### *Thought for the Week*

God is experienced at waiting.  
When we're struggling through problems here on earth, trying to cope with the trials that block our way home, he longingly waits for us to turn to him. He watches our stories unfold and waits for us to acknowledge his plan for our lives.

### *And finally...*

If it takes a lot of words to say what you have in mind,  
give it more thought.

*Dennis Roth*