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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: £424.15;

loose: £486.94; total: £911.09.

Racial Justice Collection: £128.03.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

The abuse of minors by clergy and others within the Church community is a cause of profound shame, which has been made even worse by the failure of those in authority to tackle the problem over many decades. This week Cardinal Vincent has been among senior bishops from around the world who have joined Pope Francis for a conference on this issue. Their purpose is to ensure the protection of minors within the worldwide Catholic community. We join the bishops in praying for those whose trust has been betrayed over the years, as we pray also that others will receive the protection they deserve within the community of the Church.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Funeral, Martin Joseph Mackessy R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass for Joe Mackessy is on Thursday evening (28th February) at 6:00pm. His body will then be taken to Ireland for burial. May he rest in peace.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Sat. 8 June at 3pm. For couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th & 60th (& every year over 60) wedding anniversary. Please let us have the following details: husband & wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email) by 17th March.

Baptism Preparation – The next session for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on Monday (25th February) at 8pm in the Meeting Room. Please complete a blue application form (available in the rack in the main porch) before attending the meeting.

Cake Sale last Sunday raised £83.00 for the Sisters in Jordan caring for Syrian refugees.

First Holy Communion – The children have a workshop next Saturday at 11:00am, and there will be a special liturgy at the 11:30am Mass next Sunday.

Confirmation – The next session for the Confirmation group is next Saturday at 4:45pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer, 2pm, Friday 1 March at St Alban's Church, Nether St., N12. All are welcome.

FCCJ (Finchley Council of Christians & Jews) **Meeting**, Mon. 4 March, 2:30-4pm at Blue Beetle, St Mary's, Hendon Lane. Speaker: Aubrey Rose CBE. Ring 8365 2381 for more info.

Italian Evening – Saturday 23rd March in St Philip's Parish Centre, 7:30pm. North London Catenians present a fun-packed evening of Italian dance, music and Italian food. Price (including buffet): £20. Tickets to be purchased in advance from Lionel (020 8368 0314) or Bill (020 8349 9691).

Job Vacancies – Information about job vacancies in the diocese can be found via the following link: <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

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 Gałuszka, 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.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Rosary Procession Prayer Vigil, Saturday 30th March, St Francis of Assisi Church, Stratford: Mass at 10am; procession to BPAS Centre; return for shared lunch. See poster or www.helpersuk.org.

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.

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.

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.)

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.

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/>