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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 9:30am
11:30am

Mass in Polish: Sunday 6:30pm

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30am-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £287.61;
envelopes: £322.00; candles: £108.40.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

Jesus compares God's response to our prayers to the way a human parent might respond to a request from their child. He makes the point that a loving parent will not play tricks on their child, giving them something nasty when they ask for food. But it is equally true that a human parent will not always give their child everything they ask for. A parent will want to encourage their children to seek the things that are of benefit to them and to those around them, guiding them to seek options that are better for their health and general wellbeing.

When God seems to delay in responding to our prayers, it is an opportunity for us to reflect on what we are asking for in prayer. God doesn't want us to settle for second-best. He wants us to be open to the best he has to offer, not only for our own benefit, but also to bring benefits to those around us. When we pray just for ourselves, we pray alone. When we pray for each other, we have the assurance of knowing that we are united in prayer, as each of us plays our part in seeking the common good of all. In that way, we come to a greater understanding of how we can pool our individual gifts for the benefit of all.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Sunday Coffee – Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome.

Bible Reading sessions – come and join us in the parish meeting room on Monday evenings at 7.30pm-9pm. For more information please contact Anne on 07986 587424 or (020) 8365 2381.

Repository – The shop at the back of the church is open before and after each of the Sunday Masses. Cards, books and other religious items are available to purchase.

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

Saturday 23rd July, 10:00am – Jana Bohacikova RIP Anniv.
6:30pm – Mr & Mrs N.D. Pius RIP Anniv
Sunday 24th July, 9:30am – Mr & Mrs Rajaratnam RIP Anniv.
11:30am – People of the Parish
Monday 25th July, 10:00am – Benefactors (SCNCF)
Tuesday 26th July, 10:00am – Maria D'Costa RIP Anniv.
Thursday 28th July, 10:00am – Oswald Smith RIP Anniv.
Friday 29th July, 10:00am – Michael Kennedy RIP Anniv.
Saturday 30th July, 10:00am – John Hanaway RIP Anniv.
6:30pm – Bridie Byrne RIP

Ukraine Humanitarian Aid – Donations to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal can be made via their website - <https://www.dec.org.uk/>. Other voluntary groups are helping to provide relief in areas that are not reached by the main charities. #WeAreUkraine is one such group, run in coordination with Ukraine Charity Fund. For more information about that group, see the poster in the church porch. You can donate towards their work on their Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/weareukraine>.

Church offerings – As banks are becoming more reluctant to handle cash, and especially coins, we will not be resuming our offertory collection at Mass for the time being. It has been very helpful, over the past couple of years, that many parishioners have been donating directly to our parish bank account. If you have not done so already, you can simply make a transfer from your own account, or set up a regular standing order, using the following details:

Payee: WRCDT Finchley Church End

Sort code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 11094599

(It is classed as a 'business' account.)

Debit or credit card donations can be made via the microsite, <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

You can also continue to use numbered envelopes to make your offering. Please ask if you would like to start using them. Those who have ordered a box of envelopes can collect them before or after Mass. Donations for the parish may be placed in the designated wall box in the main porch, or in the wooden box at the front of the church. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." Thank you for your continued support.

Gift Aid – Many thanks to those who have Gift Aided their donations to the parish. This year we have been able to reclaim for the parish £7817.98 of the tax you have paid. If you are a tax-payer, and haven't yet completed a Gift Aid declaration for your contributions to the parish, it can now be set up very simply by email. There is more information on our parish microsite, at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Philippian Players – Many years ago, the parish had a thriving drama group, known as the Philippian Players which, for a variety of reasons, no longer exists. As part of a move to have more activities in the parish as we emerge from the pandemic, we are looking to revive the group. We need volunteers, people to act, help with music, sets, costumes, etc. with a view to putting on a panto or light-hearted play, either just before or after Christmas. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Jean-Marc Evans, on 07901 603076. No previous experience required. This won't be the Royal Shakespeare Company, but will hopefully be fun for all concerned.

Security – Most people come to the church to pray but, occasionally, there are those who come to prey! Do take care of your personal possessions, and don't leave valuables unattended, including when you leave your seat to receive Holy Communion.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 24th July 2022 – “We cannot speak about family without talking about the importance of the elderly among us” Pope Francis For a range of resources & ideas to affirm, celebrate & remember please visit: <https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/resources-for-the-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2022/> - For further inspiration & ideas see: <https://thepopevideo.org/>.

Newsletter distribution – You can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish microsite. You can also receive the latest copy every week via email. Do that by clicking the ‘Subscribe to Alerts’ button, which is at the bottom of each page on the parish microsite, or simply let us know that you would like to receive the weekly email. You can unsubscribe at any time. You might also like to think about passing a copy of the newsletter to a neighbour or friend who is not able to get to the church or access the internet.

Foreign Coins – If you have any foreign coins that you no longer need, or any coins that have ceased to be legal tender, you can place them in the designated wall-box in the main porch (near the Repository door). They will be passed onto the North London Hospice to support their work of palliative and end-of-life care. Please avoid putting foreign, or out-of-date, coins in any of the other boxes.

The Queen’s Green Canopy – Thanks to those who bought tickets for our Strawberry Tea to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, and to those who kindly donated food for the occasion, we made a profit from the event. It has been decided that the surplus will be donated for the planting of trees in deprived urban areas and schools. This will provide a lasting legacy from this unique occasion, to improve the quality of life in communities. We have funded 23 trees for this project, about which you can find out more at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>.

Mothers’ Prayer Group will resume its weekly meetings on Thursday 4th August.

The Universe Catholic Weekly - is thrilled to announce the launch of their new online newspaper with the full support of first subscriber, His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. To order your free Digital trial supply or a subscription offer is only £20.00 for 13 issues! Call 07436 617650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Will you take the first Step? - CAFOD’s Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022; go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

World Youth Day 2023, Looking to Lisbon - will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal’s Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31 July 2022.

The paradox of abundance - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this ‘the paradox of abundance.’ Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, “Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet.” Let’s respond to his call! CAFOD’s new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

Polish Services – For information about Polish services, visit the Polish-language website <http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk/>. Contact Fr Marek Gałuszka at mgaluszka2@gmail.com or 07984 293753.

