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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: £127.15;
envelopes: £45.00 (Easter), £285.42 (other);
candles: £54.32.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 25th April 2021

Dear Parishioners,

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we reflect on the Risen Christ as our Good Shepherd. Seeing ourselves as part of a flock of sheep may not be an image that appeals to us too readily! But, like sheep, we are vulnerable to the challenges that we face, and we need help to avoid being overcome by those challenges. For Christ, we are not merely part of a large flock. As we are reminded in the parable of the Lost Sheep [Luke 15:4-7], every single one is important to the Lord. He knows each one of us by name, and cares for each of us as individuals, understanding our strengths and our weaknesses. We look for his Spirit to help us to be open to the infinite love that he has for us, so that we may respond to that love and, in our turn, help to draw others into his flock, to share in the peace and the joy that he wants to share with every one of us.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Confirmation – Bishop John Sherrington is with us again this week to celebrate the Confirmation of the second group of young people of our parish. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers at this important time. Let us also pray for the Bishops, entrusted with the task of shepherding Christ's flock, as we seek to rebuild the life of the Church again in the coming months.

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

Saturday 24th Apr, 10:00am – Lucina Nasta RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Margaret Hackett RIP Anniv.

Sunday 25th Apr, 9:30am – Mr & Mrs N. D. Pius RIP

11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 26th Apr, 10:00am – Thomas Lennon RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 27th Apr, 10:00am – Veronica Lang RIP Anniv.

Thursday 29th Apr, 10:00am – Tessa Cleary RIP Anniv.

Friday 30th Apr, 10:00am – Kathleen Lennon RIP Anniv.

Saturday 1st May, 10:00am – Gildo Pasini RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Frances Reehill RIP Anniv.

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.

First Holy Communion – We hope to begin a new First Holy Communion programme in the autumn term this year, but would like an indication of how many children are likely to be taking part. Parents with children who are now in Years 2 and 3 are invited to give that indication by completing an application form for their child. Forms are available at the back of the church, or you can download them from our parish microsite, at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/sacrament/s/>. It would be helpful if the completed forms could be returned by the end of May.

Anthony Hewson R.I.P. – This Monday (26th April) at 12 noon, we have Mass to mark the anniversary of the death of Tony Hewson, who died last year, a few weeks after his 100th birthday. If you would like to come to that Mass, please book a place using the booking service on our parish microsite. There will also be the usual 10am Mass on Monday, for which no booking is required.

Priest Training Fund – This Sunday (25th April) is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day on which we normally have a retiring collection to support the training of priests for this diocese. There are currently 18 men preparing for priesthood at the diocesan seminary of Allen Hall in Chelsea, and another two studying in Rome. There won't be a collection at the end of Mass, but you can contribute to this Fund in other ways. Online donations can be made at rcdow.org.uk/donations. There is a wall box in the main porch marked for this appeal where you can deposit cash or cheques. (Please make cheques payable to "WRCDT".) You can also transfer funds to our parish account (details below), making sure to add "PTF" to the payment reference. You will also find special envelopes in the porch which you can use if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. Those envelopes, as well as the posters on the notice boards, have QR codes which you can scan to make an offering. The future of the Church in this diocese depends on these men; please be generous in supporting their preparation.

Church offerings – Donations for the parish may be placed in the 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." 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/>.

Thanks from CAFOD – 'Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.'

Gift Aid – The income of many people has been affected by the coronavirus in the past year. As we move into a new Tax Year, those who have completed Gift Aid declarations need to check that they have paid sufficient tax to cover all their Gift Aided donations. Please let us know if your contributions are no longer covered so that your donations may be excluded from our claim for a tax refund. If you would like to check how much you have donated, please get in touch. It is a great help to the parish to be able to claim that extra money from HMRC. 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. For more information, see our parish microsite, at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Booking for Mass – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other major feast days. 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. Please let us know if you are not able to attend after booking a place. Booked places that are not claimed at the beginning of Mass may be reallocated. 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 more information.

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.

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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

This Sunday's responses:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **The stone which builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

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.