

St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End

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Service Times this week

Sunday Masses: Saturday: **6:30pm**

Sunday: **8:30am**

10:00am (*Sung*)

12 noon (*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: £623.06;
loose: £541.13; total: £1164.19.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

As he considered the charges brought against Christ by the Jewish leaders, Pontius Pilate was involved in shuttle diplomacy as he moved from his calm conversations with Christ to the noisy demands of the crowd gathered outside. Pilate turned out to be the one on trial as he gave in to the pressures of the crowd and refused to recognise the truth. The truth is that Christ's kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world. Christ didn't come to overthrow any earthly kingdom, but rather to draw all kingdoms together in God's reign of truth and love. Sadly, all too often it is still the noise of the crowd that is heard above the quiet voice of truth. We need hearts that are open to that voice within us.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Advent and Christmas – Details of special services for Advent and Christmas are on the parish website – click on 'Stop Press.' The information is also on the red leaflets in the church porch. Dates of Advent Reconciliation Services in Barnet Deanery are on the mauve posters.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch – Sunday 9th December 1:30pm – Invitations to this annual event are available from now until 2nd December. If you would like to attend this event, or know of someone who would like to come, please write your/their name and contact number on a form (available at both exits), place the form in one of the boxes and take the invitation with you. For further information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.

Come and see the story of Saint Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, at St Philip's Parish Centre on Sat. 1 December. Tea & cakes at 3:45pm followed by film at 4:30pm (ends 6:10pm). It's free and all are welcome.

Sale of Palestinian Olive Oil and other items, last weekend, raised £487.36 to support Palestinian Christians.

New Sunday Mass times – From 6th January 2019, there will be only two Sunday morning Masses, the Sung Mass at 9:30 and the Family Mass at 11:30. Saturday evening and weekday Mass times will remain the same.

Planned Giving envelopes – New boxes of envelopes are available for those who have been using weekly offertory envelopes regularly. They may be collected from the Weekday Chapel before or after Sunday Mass or 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 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.

Prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be said after weekday morning Mass during the month of November.

November Dead List – During the month of November, one Mass is celebrated each day for our deceased loved ones.

Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:30pm, Mon. 26 November at Nazareth House. If interested contact Anne 8365 2381.

Christmas Vigil Mass – There will be a Nativity Presentation by the children during the Vigil Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will take place in the church on the previous three Sundays – 9th, 16th and 23rd December – at 3pm, and will last about 90 minutes. For further information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.

St Michael's Christmas Bazaar, 11-3pm, Sunday 25th Nov.

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Fayre, 12-4pm, Sat. 1 Dec.

Advent Carol Service, All Saints Church, N2 9NH – 6:30pm, Sunday 2 December. Beautiful music & readings for Advent.

Parish Centenary – We are looking for a photo of **Fr George Ingram** who was Parish Priest at St Philip's from 1957 to 1964 to include in the Centenary souvenir booklet. Can you help? Other photos of significant events in the parish's history would also be welcomed.

Fire Marshals – Thank you to those who have volunteered to act as Fire Marshals. There will be a training session at St Edward's Parish Centre in Golders Green on Tuesday 4th December, 7-9pm. Please let Fr John know if you wish to attend.

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary, N12 0JP – Applications are invited for **Reception Class Sept. 2019** for children born 01/9/2014 to 31/8/2015. Deadline 15/01/19. Applications for **Nursery for Sept. 2019** for children born 1/4/2016 to 31/3/2017. Deadline 30/01/19. Download forms at www.olol.barnetschool.org.uk.

CAFOD World Gifts – Support those in need while letting your loved ones know you are thinking of them at Christmas. Pick up a leaflet in the porch or visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

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

Can you please help the Finchley Foodbank by buying one extra item of non-perishable food when you do your weekly food shop, and put it in the box in either of the porches. Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

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

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.

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/>

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.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

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.

Follow Me – This group is especially for adults wishing to participate in the Sacraments or simply to know more about the Catholic Church. It is taking a break now until after Christmas but normally meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room. Newcomers are welcome.

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.)

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.

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.