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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 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £225.81;
envelopes: £242.00; candles: £84.47.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

26th Sunday of the Year – 26th September 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Two of today's readings bring out an element of jealousy from someone who considered himself to be part of an exclusive club, and who wanted to stop outsiders from acting as if they were part of that club. In both cases, there was a clear reminder that no one should be blocked from doing good, whether they are 'one of us' or not. Moses was told that two of the elders were prophesying, even though they had not been present with the rest of the group when they were commissioned. His response was a wish that all of the people of the Lord might be prophets. When Jesus was told that someone else was casting out devils in his name, his response was that "anyone who is not against us is for us."

The Holy Spirit acts in many different ways within the Church, but the Spirit is not confined to the Church and works in many different, and often surprising, ways outside of the Church. We all seek openness to the Holy Spirit so that we may respond to the graces that God offers us, but we must also be open to the signs of the Holy Spirit working in people and situations around us, so that we may give encouragement to each other to respond to all of the graces that God offers to us for the benefit of all.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Confirmation – This weekend, we welcome the new Confirmation candidates who are joining us for the Saturday evening Mass, together with their families. Let us keep them in our prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next May.

First Holy Communion – The first meeting for parents of children who will be starting the new First Holy Communion programme will be on Thursday 7th October at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. The children will have their first workshop on the following Saturday. Parents who submitted applications have all been contacted by email with the details. The course is now oversubscribed, so no further applications can be accepted.

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, together with all your personal belongings. If you don't wish to take used hymn sheets with you, please place them in a recycling box as you leave the church. Don't leave any used items behind in the benches.

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

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

Saturday 25th September, 10:00am – Stanislaus Paul RIP Anniv
6:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 26th September, 9:30am – Andrew Esposito RIP
11:30am – Fr Joe Boward RIP

Monday 27th September, 10:00am – Breege Lynch RIP

Tuesday 28th Sept., 10:00am – Mary Egan RIP Anniv.

Thursday 30th Sept., 10:00am – Stanley Wild RIP Anniv.

Friday 1st October, 10:00am – Michael Curran RIP Anniv.

Saturday 2nd October, 10:00am – Maria Cristina RIP Anniv.
6:30pm – Mary Matthews RIP Anniv.

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, or set up a standing order, 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 at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Newsletter distribution – Don't forget that you can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. 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.

Church Heating – It is fortunate that the warm weather has been continuing into the start of autumn, but work is currently underway to replace the church boilers, which have been nearing the end of their useful life for the past few years. The new boilers should help to keep us cosy when the cold weather comes.

Gift Aid – 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. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for more information.

Parish History – A commemorative book was published to mark the Centenary of the parish in 2019. You can pick up a copy in the Repository at the back of the church, or we can arrange to post a copy. Whilst there is no charge, a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Climate Crisis Appeal – Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies. Thank you for your ongoing support.

CAFOD Schools volunteers needed – Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? No experience necessary. Full support and regular training provided. There is a particular need for volunteers to visit schools in Hertfordshire, Ealing, Brent, Hounslow and Camden. If you are interested in these volunteer roles, please contact Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162.

Cardinal Vaughan Open Evenings - there is no need to book. *Year 12 Open Evenings* - Thursday 7th and Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 5.00pm. The Head will speak at 5.00pm. The last tour of the school will be at 6.00pm. For more information, visit www.cvms.co.uk.

Vacancy – Head's PA – Finchley Catholic High School require an experienced PA. See the vacancies board or visit www.finchleycatholic.org.uk.

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.

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 precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things, visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, [*bow*]
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.