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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: £466.68;
loose: £421.97; total: £888.65.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

At the start of his public ministry, Jesus announced to the people of his home town that the prophecy of Isaiah was being fulfilled before their eyes. The name 'Christ' comes from the Greek word for anointed. ('Messiah' is the equivalent in Hebrew.) Jesus is the Anointed One of God who has come to bring the Good News of God's redeeming love. In Baptism, we too are anointed. We become part of the Body of Christ. As St Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading, each of us has our own part to play as members of that Body. Just as a relatively minor part of the human body can cause distress to the whole body if it is not functioning properly, so the Body of Christ is impoverished when any one of us fails to respond to the grace that God offers to us. It is in the ways in which each of us tries to use our gifts for the benefit of all that we too can recognise a year of the Lord's favour amidst the uncertainties that lie ahead for all of us.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

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.

Joe Brohan R.I.P. – Anyone who has been associated with St Theresa's School will be aware of the outstanding part that Joe played as the School Caretaker / Site Manager for many years. Joe retired last year as his health deteriorated. We received the sad news that he died on Wednesday this week. Funeral arrangements are yet to be made, but please remember him and his family, as well as the school, in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Holocaust Memorial Day, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport, this Sunday (27th January), 6pm, St Mary-at-Finchley, Hendon Lane N3 1TR. See poster for more information.

Cake Sale - Sunday (20th) raised £66.00 for Pax Christi to support their work for justice and 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 and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary. Please give your parish clergy the following details: husband & wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email).

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.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes, N12 is still accepting applications for Nursery for September 2019 and offers both 15 and 30 hours free childcare. If your child was born between 01/04/16 and 31/03/17 please see the website for an application form or contact the school office on 0208 346 1681.

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 Galuszka, 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.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

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.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Processional Prayer Vigil, Saturday 16th February, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Brixton Road, SW9 0TQ. Mass at 9am; procession to Marie Stopes Brixton Centre; return for shared lunch. See poster or www.helpersuk.org.

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.

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/>

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.)

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.

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.