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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: £161.63

envelopes: £372.00; candles: £62.28.

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

26th Sunday of the Year – 27th September 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The number of people at Mass last Sunday morning brought us to the safe capacity of the building. About a third of those who came to each of the two Masses had not booked. A number of people arrived late, not only causing a distraction, but also compromising the safety of those who were already gathered. The situation was made worse by the shortage of volunteers. As the coronavirus continues to spread, we have to play our part in minimising the risk to those who come to the church. Booking is now essential for those who come to Sunday Mass. If you come to the church after Mass has started and without booking, you must be aware that you may be refused admission for that Mass. There tend to be more free spaces on Saturday evening than on Sunday morning, so it is worth trying that Mass instead. While the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains suspended, you also have the option to attend Mass during the week, but booking is recommended for every Mass, so that we can maintain the records required by law. As much as we would like to see everyone joining in our Sunday Eucharist, our first priority is to ensure the safety of those who gather. I urge you to cooperate as much as possible to pursue that goal, so that we may attain a sense of community again as soon as possible.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Covid-19 Safety – Places of worship are able to continue our regular liturgies for the moment, but we have to do everything possible to maintain a safe environment for those who attend. Please follow these guidelines:

- Make sure you book for each Mass you wish to attend, either on the online service or by email or phone;
- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are in the church (apart from when receiving Holy Communion);
- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;

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.

- Maintain a social distance from those outside your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid close contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

Booking for Mass – Booking is now essential for Sunday Masses and is also highly recommended for Masses during the week. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as keeping records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. You can use the simple online booking service at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/>. If you are unable to access the online service, you can also book with a phone call to the parish number, by email or in writing, saying which Mass you wish to attend and providing your contact details. The information supplied will be deleted automatically 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. Those who come without booking will not be admitted if the building has reached its safe capacity.

You can use the NHS COVID-19 app to “check in” when you come to the church, by scanning the QR code displayed in the church porch, but that does not replace the need to book for Mass

It is helpful if those who attend Mass on their own (or with one or two other members of the same household) use the chairs at the sides of the church, to leave more space in the benches for larger family groups to sit together.

Check the parish microsite for up-to-date information: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/>.

Votive Candles – The price of votive candles in the church has been unchanged for several years, despite increasing costs. The price of votive lights in plastic cases is now increased to 30p. The 4 1/2” candles for use in the sand trays remain at 50p.

Sacramental Programmes – The children who were due to make their First Holy Communion in June will be receiving the Sacrament in three different groups on Saturday mornings in October. There will be a limit to the number of family members and others who can join the children for the liturgy. Details have been sent to parents by email. The new First Holy Communion course will not begin before January. We are hoping that the young people who were due to be confirmed in the summer will receive the Sacrament in November. Information is being provided to families about the proposed arrangements.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) – Confessions currently take place on Saturday mornings between 10:30-11:00am in the Weekday Chapel. Enter the Chapel via the door near the side entrance of the church. While awaiting your turn for Confession, please remain in the main body of the church, keeping an appropriate distance from others. A face covering should be worn while you are in the church building.

Church offerings – A wooden box is available at each end of the church in which you can place your offerings for the parish. 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 also be made via the parish microsite, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>

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

Saturday 26th Sept, 10:00am – May Henry RIP
6:30pm – Margaret Steadman RIP Anniv.
Sunday 27th Sept, 9:30am – Mary Spellman RIP Anniv.
11:30am – People of the Parish
Monday 28th Sept, 10:00am – Stanley Wild RIP Anniv.
Tuesday 29th Sept, 10:00am – Margaret Berry - Intention
Thursday 1st Oct, 10:00am – Theresa Creighton RIP
Friday 2nd Oct, 10:00am – Giuseppe Guarnieri RIP Anniv.
Saturday 3rd Oct, 10:00am – Holy Souls
6:30pm – Hanora Hughes RIP Anniv.

Supporting St Theresa’s School – St Theresa’s Catholic Primary School serves the children of our parish. It is a happy, caring community with a dedicated staff striving to do the best for the children in their care. We need a volunteer to join the Board of Governors. Serving on behalf of the Archdiocese of Westminster, you would work alongside the other eleven members of the Board to make key strategic decisions for the school. Importantly, you do not need a background in education or to have children of school age. We need an enthusiastic individual with a keen interest in education and wisdom aplenty. Meetings take place once a month and are currently held virtually. If you would like to know more, please contact the Chair of Governors, Seamus McKenna, by email at: jmckenna16.302@lgflmail.org. You would be very welcome to join our team!

CAFOD Appeals – People living in refugee camps or in situations of conflict are among the most vulnerable in the world during the Covid-19 pandemic. CAFOD is working with the Disasters Emergency Committee to bring urgent relief to such people. You can make a donation to help their efforts at <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/>, or you can donate £10 by texting CAFOD to 70085. (£10 plus a standard text fee will be charged to your phone account. If you don’t wish to receive more information, text CAFODNOINFO instead.)

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.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax-payer, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. A Gift Aid declaration can now be completed by email. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> provides details of what is required.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **Remember you mercy, Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.**

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.