

## **St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End**

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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: £145.80;

envelopes: £177.80; candles: £54.56.

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

### **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

Our liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day maintained a prayerful atmosphere, and we were able to accommodate in a safe environment all those who turned up for each of the Masses. I am grateful to those who offered their help to ensure that everyone would stay safe when they came to the church.

I offer my thanks also for the cards, gifts and good wishes which you gave over Christmas. They are much appreciated. Some people seem to be unaware that Father Gerard is no longer in the parish. He was moved nearly two years ago, and is currently in the parish of Wallington in Surrey. I have forwarded the cards that arrived for him.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. When Mary received the message from the Angel Gabriel that she was to be the Mother of God's Son, she probably didn't envisage giving birth to that special child in a stable. Many families have experienced Christmas this year in a challenging way that could not have been anticipated even a short while ago. Like the Holy Family, we seek comfort in recognising Christ in our midst, offering us his love and his grace. May the light of his love guide us to better things in the year ahead.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Pastoral Letter** – This Sunday, we have a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols. You will be able to read it, or listen to it, at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/>.

**Covid-19 Safety** – We are able to maintain our schedule of Masses, but we have to keep to the safety measures that have been put in place:

- 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);

**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.**

- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;
- Maintain a social distance from those outside your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and avoid unnecessary movement within the church;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

**Teresa St John R.I.P.** – We received the sad news of the death of our long-standing parishioner, Teresa St John, on Monday this week. We offer our condolences to Robert and to the other members of her family. Her funeral will take place within the limitations necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic. May she rest in peace.

**Fr Ennio Casalucci S.X. R.I.P.** – Another death that was reported in the past week is that of Fr Ennio, who had been superior of the Xaverian Missionaries here in this parish for a number of years. He died at the mother-house of the order in Italy where he had been living in retirement. May he rest in peace.

**Booking for Mass** – Booking is now recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other feast days. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as to keep records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. 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. The information supplied will be deleted 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. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for up-to-date information.

**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.

**Church offerings** – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." Envelopes may also be placed in the wooden box at the front of the church. 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, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

**Offertory envelopes** – New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes are available for those who have been using them recently. If you wish to continue using envelopes, and have not yet received your new box, please let us know.

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10:00am – Patrick O’Sullivan RIP  
(Anniversary)

6:30pm – Bridget Dermody RIP

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9:30am – People of the Parish

11:30am – Lucas Stojek RIP

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10:00am – Margaret Sheptak RIP

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10:00am – Val Costello (Intention)

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 10:00am – Pat Costello RIP  
(Anniversary)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, 10:00am – Fr Terry Fellows RIP

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 10:00am – Teresa St John RIP

6:30pm – Rita Dutton RIP (Anniversary)

**Crib Offerings** – Our crib figures have been placed in front of the tabernacle this year. There is a wall box in the pillar to the left of the crib in which you can place offerings for the Catholic Children’s Society. You can also help this charity with their work supporting disadvantaged children and their families by making an online donation at their website <http://www.cathchild.org.uk/donate/>.

**Charities** – Many charities have been struggling this year as they have been unable to raise funds in their traditional ways. A selection of the charities that we have supported over the years are listed on the Charities page of our parish microsite, together with information about how you can help them now. Please consider choosing one to support. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/charities/> for more information.

**Mary’s Meals** – It was not possible to have the usual Rags to Riches collection of clothing and fabrics for Mary’s Meals this year, but you can donate to the charity online, and from now until the end of January 2021 all donations will be matched by the UK Government. Find out more or donate at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove>

**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. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for details of the information that is required.

**Polish Community** – Information about Polish services is available on the Polish-language website [www.finchleyparish.co.uk](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk) or email [mgaluszka2@gmail.com](mailto:mgaluszka2@gmail.com). The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

**Vacancy** – St Michael’s Catholic Grammar School has a vacancy for a **Caretaker**. For more information, see the poster in the church porch or visit the school website at <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/school/vacancies/>.

**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.

**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.

***This Sunday’s responses:***

***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: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;**  
**let the message of Christ find a home with you.**  
**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.