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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: £127.50;
envelopes: £256.80; candles: £64.27.

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

Second Sunday of Lent – 28th February 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The route out of lockdown proposed by the Prime Minister this week will not have any immediate impact on church services. The number of people who are able to attend weddings and other 'life-cycle events' will gradually increase, but the existing safety measures for Sunday and weekday Masses will continue for the time being. We should be able to celebrate the main liturgies of Holy Week, but they will be in a simplified format and the number of people who are able to attend will be restricted. More details will be given nearer the time, but we will need more volunteers to help keep people safe at those liturgies, so please let us know if you are able to help. In the meantime, it is important to continue to book a place each week if you wish to attend a Sunday Mass. The numbers coming to Mass have been increasing, and we will have to turn people away when we reach the safe capacity of the church. If everyone remembers to book a place, that disappointment can be avoided.

The three apostles who went up the mountain with Christ to witness his Transfiguration were reminded that they had to come down to the reality of life again afterwards. Sharing that time with Our Lord helped them to persevere through the reality of Christ's suffering and death. We pray that sharing time with the Lord during Lent this year will help us to persevere until we are able to find the freedom for which we all long.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – We are not able to have retiring collections at the moment, but there are various ways in which you can help CAFOD to support those who are most in need in our world:

- Make an online donation at cafod.org.uk/lent
- Donate via text message: text "LENT" followed by 5 or 10 or 20, to 70460 to give £5 or £10 or £20
- Place cash or cheques in the box indicated with a green arrow in the church porch (please make cheques payable to St Philip the Apostle Finchley)

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 one of the special envelopes in the church porch if you wish to Gift Aid your offering. Those envelopes can be placed in the Offerings box at the front of the church, or delivered to the Priests House.

Lenten Alms – During Lent, one of the wall boxes in the main porch is marked (with a red arrow) for donations to the Cardinal's Appeal, which supports the areas of Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and the Church's Service in Society. You can also donate directly via the following link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/cardinals-appeal/>

Covid-19 Safety – We are able to continue 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 have an exemption);
- 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.

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

Saturday 27th Feb, 10:00am – Francis Lennon RIP

6:30pm – People of the Parish

Sunday 28th Feb, 9:30am – Benefactor (Intention)

11:30am – Keith Lancaster RIP (Anniversary)

Monday 1st Mar, 10:00am – Fr John Dermody (Intention)

Tuesday 2nd Mar, 10:00am – Noel Cleary RIP

Thursday 4th Mar, 10:00am – Tina Filippi (Intention)

Friday 5th Mar, 10:00am – Benefactor (Intention)

Saturday 6th Mar, 10:00am – Kathleen D'Arcy RIP

6:30pm – Mrs M A Berry (Intention)

Booking for Mass – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other major 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. If you are not able to attend after booking a place for Mass, please let us know by email or phone, so that your place may be reallocated.

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, which you can access using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

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. If you have made a Gift Aid declaration, but are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover your offerings, please let us know, so that we can exclude your donations from our claim.

Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent – CAFOD suggests walking 10,000 steps, either on one day or every day during Lent, as a sign of solidarity with those who do not have access to a safe water source, and have to walk to get water every day. Find more information, or sign up online, at cafod.org.uk/walk.

Newsletter distribution – Don’t forget that you can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish websites. You can also receive a copy every week by email if you sign up for e-Alerts on the parish microsite, or simply let us know that you would like to receive the weekly email. 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.

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.

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.

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.

This Sunday’s responses:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard:

‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

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.

There is no Gloria on Sundays during Lent, but it is used on Solemnities and Feasts during the week. This week, it will be recited on Monday (1st March) for the feast of St David, patron saint of Wales.

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.