

St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End

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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: loose: £1395.73;
Easter envelopes: £929.00; Sunday envelopes: £304.00.
Holy Places collection (Good Friday): £397.10.
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Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend we will have one of the social highlights of our Centenary year. A variety show with buffet and quiz on Saturday evening will also celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Philip, which occurs this Friday. It promises to be a very entertaining event, so do come along if you can. Another, very different, event in our Centenary calendar for next month is the guided walk through some of the less familiar parts of Finchley on Sunday 19th May. To whet your appetite for that walk, or as an alternative for those who don't feel able to walk about four miles, there will be an illustrated talk on Thursday 9th May in the Parish Centre, highlighting some of the features of the guided walk. See the posters, or the Centenary page of the parish website, for more details.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Feast of St Philip – This Centenary year, our patronal feast will be marked by a variety show / buffet / centenary quiz in the Parish Centre after the Saturday evening Mass on 4th May. The Variety Show will celebrate music through the decades. Entrance is free, but there will be a collection for our Centenary charity (St Theresa's School). Please give your support. For more information, contact Christine Fleming (07709 721957).

Divine Mercy Sunday – Devotions will be held in the church this Sunday (28th April) between 2pm - 4pm. All are welcome.

Funeral, Margaret Hackett R.I.P. – After a long illness, Margaret died on Wednesday this week. Her funeral will be at St Philip's on Thursday 9th May at 10:00am. May she rest in peace.

Holy Rosary – During May, the Rosary will be recited before Mass every weekday morning, commencing at 9:30am. Volunteers are needed to lead each morning. If you can help, please add your name to the notice at the side entrance. For more information, contact Margaret, (020) 8349 1219, or Veronica, (020) 8922 0351.

Visit to Manor House – As part of our Centenary celebration, we have been able to secure two visits to the Manor House where Mass was first celebrated in the parish. The first of those visits, this Sunday, is fully booked. The second will be on Sunday 2nd June, 2:30pm. As space is limited, there is a maximum of 25 participants. For security reasons, names and contact details will be required in advance. Booking forms are available in the main porch, and must be returned by 20th May. Sorry, there will be NO admission on the day without prior booking. Car parking on site is extremely limited and

restricted to Blue Badge holders only. Please add car registration number to booking form.

Parish Centenary 1919–2019 - Dates for your diaries

28 April Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started
4 May Patronal Feast – Variety Show with refreshments
9 May Slide show highlighting parts of Centenary Walk
19 May Centenary Walk (starting at East Finchley station)
2 June Visit to old Manor House Convent where Parish started
28-30 June Flower Festival plus exhibition
29 June Strawberry Tea in Parish Centre
14 July Children's Picnic / Games in Stephens House Gardens (Avenue House) following the 11:30am Family Mass
26 Aug. Senior Parishioners' Tea Party
14 Sept. Jubilee Mass followed by buffet reception
5 Oct. International Food Fair
8 Nov. Choir Musical Evening

Mass with St Theresa's School children – This term, we will be having classes from St Theresa's School joining us at Saint Philip's for a few of our Friday morning Masses. This Friday (3rd May), the children from Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in the 10:00 Mass.

Mass for Migrant People – Monday 6th May, Westminster Cathedral, SW1P 1LT. Gathering 9am; Procession at 10am; Mass begins at 10:30am.

Children's Liturgy – Please encourage the children to come to the Meeting Room from 11:00am on Sunday to prepare for the Family Mass.

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.

Gift Aid – As we move into a new Tax Year, it is time to check that you have paid sufficient tax to cover all of your Gift Aid donations for the past year. If not, please let us know, so that you can be excluded from our claim for a tax refund. Otherwise, HMRC may ask you to repay the tax that has been claimed.

Job Vacancies – Information about job vacancies in the diocese can be found via the following link: <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

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.

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.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Planned Giving envelopes – If you haven't yet picked up your box of envelopes, they can be collected from the Priests House. 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 taxpayer, please also complete a Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim the tax you have paid on your offering.

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.

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.

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.)

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/>