

## **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

*Mass in Polish: Sunday 6:30pm*

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30am-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £242.57;  
envelopes: £232.00; candles: £104.66.

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

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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Dear Parishioners,

To achieve effective communication, there has to be both a transmitter and a receiver. There has to be one who speaks and another who listens. We live in an age which offers us many different means of communicating with others but, for many who use those means of communication, the objective is simply to have their say. They don't show much interest in what others are saying, unless the other person agrees with them.

This Seventh Sunday of Easter is also World Communications Day. In his message for this year's event, Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Listening with the ear of the heart." Sometimes we can hear another person speaking without paying any attention to what they are saying. Perhaps even worse than that is listening to another person in order to try to find something to use against them. We hear more and more about the notion of "cancel culture" which effectively means trying to prevent an individual from speaking if you don't agree with what they say. We're not expected to agree with everyone else. Indeed, the world could become a boring place if we all agreed with each other! But, it is only by being prepared to listen to others, and trying to understand why we don't always agree with everything that they say, that we can make any real progress in pursuing goodness and truth.

Listening to others is important, but we also have to listen to what is going on deep within ourselves. We have to recognise our own deep-seated attitudes, to consider whether they really lead us towards the goals of justice, love and truth. Above all, we have to listen to God. God speaks to us through the Scriptures, but also through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within each one of us. It is by listening attentively to God, and to those around us, that we find an effective means of communication that will help us find the right direction for ourselves and for our world.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

**Mass Times** will be as usual this week, including 10:00am Mass on the two Bank Holidays.

**World Communications Day** – In order to spread the Gospel message effectively, the Church has to make appropriate use of the different means of communication available. We pray for that work. You can also contribute financially to the work of Catholic Communications through the following webpage: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-world-communications-day/>. Donations can also be placed in the wall box marked for Catholic Communications in the church porch (below the large notice board).

**Platinum Jubilee Strawberry Tea** – This week we have a Strawberry Tea to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It will be on Bank Holiday Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> June) at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are on sale after the Sunday Masses, price £5, but you can also pay at the door. Children under 5 free. Do come and join us.

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

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00am – John Downing RIP Anniv.  
6:30pm – Mgr. Kukla - Intention

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 9:30am – People of the Parish  
11:30am – Noel Scully RIP

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00am – Fr Anthony Nye RIP

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 10:00am – Gerry Costello – Intention

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 10:00am – John Halpin RIP Anniv.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10:00am – Kevin Lancaster RIP Anniv.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 10:00am – Agnes Fogarty RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Annie McFadden RIP

**Ukraine Humanitarian Aid** – Donations to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal can be made via their website - <https://www.dec.org.uk/>. Other voluntary groups are helping to provide relief in areas that are not reached by the main charities. #WeAreUkraine is one such group, run in coordination with Ukraine Charity Fund. For more information about that group, see the poster in the church porch. You can donate towards their work on their Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/weareukraine>.

**Bible Reading sessions** – come and join us in the Parish meeting room on Monday evenings at 7.30pm-9pm. For more information please contact Anne on 07986 587424 or (020) 8365 2381.

**Mothers' Prayer Group** – continues to gather on Thursdays, after the morning Mass, at 10.30am in the Meeting Room.

**Church offerings** – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall box in the main porch, or in the wooden box at the front of the church. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." A preferred option is to make a transfer, or set up a standing order, 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.) For more information, see: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

**Gift Aid** – If you are a tax-payer, and haven't yet completed a Gift Aid declaration for your contributions to the parish, it can now be set up very simply by email. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for more information.

**Repository** – The shop at the back of the church is open before and after each of the Sunday Masses. Cards, books and other religious items are available to purchase.

**Baptism Preparation** – The next preparation meeting for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Please complete and return a blue application form (available at the back of the church) before attending the meeting.

**Our Lady of Lourdes School** - in Bow Lane, N12, is still accepting applications to its Nursery for September 2022. If your child was born between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020 please apply. All information can be found on the school website <http://www.ololbarnetschool.org.uk>

**The paradox of abundance** - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School** - Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023 are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5. Parents should ensure that they read the Admissions Policy prior to making an application and provide the original Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by their Parish Priest by the closing date of 4pm on Tuesday 5 July 2022. Applications can be made through the online system, which you can be found via the following link: <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24/>.

**Loreto College (St Albans) Centenary Garden Party** - on Sunday 10th July 2022 12pm to 6pm (last admission 5pm). Admission £5.00 per person (FREE entry for children aged 5 and under), there will be live music by the popular local band *Soulfish*, BBQ, afternoon tea, bar, traditional games/stalls and much more including our Centenary Raffle. For ticket page and more information at [www.loreto.herts.sch.uk](http://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk).

**Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act** - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. CSAN, which is addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

**Foreign Coins** – If you have any foreign coins that you no longer need, or any coins that have ceased to be legal tender, you can place them in the designated wall-box in the main porch (near the Repository door). They will be passed onto the North London Hospice to support their work of palliative and end-of-life care. Please avoid putting foreign, or out-of-date, coins in any of the other boxes.

**Polish Services** – For information about Polish services, visit the Polish-language website <http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk/>. Contact Fr Marek Galuszka at [mgaluszka2@gmail.com](mailto:mgaluszka2@gmail.com) or 07984 293753.

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