

St. Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End

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Service Times this week – please note changes from next week

Sunday Masses: Saturday: **6:30pm**
Sunday: **8:30am***
10:00am* (Sung)
12 noon* (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: envelopes: £641.49;

loose: £673.91; total: £1315.40.

Christmas Offerings: £2695.68.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It was the presence of Jesus in that family that made them truly holy, and it is the openness to the presence of Christ in every Christian family that helps us to experience that holiness.

Next weekend I look forward to drawing the family that is the parish of St Philip more closely together as we reduce the number of Sunday Masses. I know it will take a while for some to get used to the new times, but hopefully a greater sense of community will make up for that.

On behalf of Fr Gerard and myself, I thank you all for your Christmas offerings, gifts and good wishes. May God bless you and your families in the year ahead.

Fr John Dermody.

Pastoral Letter – There is a Pastoral Letter this Sunday from Cardinal Vincent Nichols for the Feast of the Holy Family. You will be able to read the letter, or listen to the Cardinal reading it, at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/>

New Year's Day – Mass times return to their normal schedule this week, including New Year's Day – the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – when the Mass will be at the usual time of 10:00am.

Crib Offerings – Money put in the box next to the Crib will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the envelopes provided next to the crib and deposit it in the collection basket or at the Priests House. Please place money for candles in one of the boxes elsewhere in the church.

Westminster Year Book 2019 – The new edition of the diocesan directory with Mass times and other information about parishes across the diocese is now available from the Repository. The price is still £4.50.

***Sunday Mass times change next week!** – From next Sunday (6th January), there will be only two Sunday morning Masses, the Sung Mass at **9:30am** and the Family Mass at **11:30am**. For those who prefer a Mass without music, the Saturday evening Mass will continue at 6:30pm. If an early Mass on Sunday is important to you, there will be the options of an 8:30am Mass at St Mary's in East Finchley or 8:45am at St Alban's in North Finchley. Weekday Mass times will remain the same.

Race Night, the first event in our Centenary year, will be on **Sat. 19 January in the Parish Centre**, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Do come and join in the fun. Tickets will be on sale on 5/6 and 12/13 January – we need to know how many people will be attending to provide a finger buffet. Tickets are £5 each.

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 Services – Information is available on the Polish-language website www.finchleyparish.co.uk, or email proboszcz@finchleyparish.co.uk. The Polish Chaplain, Fr Marek Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary, N12 0JP – Applications are invited for **Reception Class Sept. 2019** for children born 01/9/2014 to 31/8/2015. Deadline 15/01/2019. Applications for **Nursery for Sept. 2019** for children born 1/4/2016 to 31/3/2017. Deadline 30/01/19. Download forms at www.olol.barnetschool.org.uk.

Sacred Heart, Whetstone – Applications are invited for **Reception Class 2019** for children born 1/9/14 to 31/8/15. You will need to submit an application through your home council. Apply online <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk>. Also complete a Supplementary Information Form which is available from <http://www.sacredheartprimary.co.uk>
Vacancies in current Reception Class for children born 1/9/2013 to 31/8/2014. Contact Debbie Box 020 8445 3854. *The deadline for both applications is Tuesday 15 January.*

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/>

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

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

Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Processional Prayer Vigil, Saturday 19th January, St Thomas of Canterbury, High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. Mass at 9am; procession to Marie Stopes Centre; return for shared lunch. See poster or www.helpersuk.org.

Follow Me – This group is especially for adults wishing to participate in the Sacraments or simply to know more about the Catholic Church. It is taking a break now until the New Year but normally meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room. Newcomers are welcome.

Planned Giving envelopes – The new boxes of envelopes are available from the Priests House any morning during the week. 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 tax-payer, 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.

Parish Centenary – We are looking for a photo of **Fr George Ingram** who was Parish Priest at St Philip's from 1957 to 1964 to include in the Centenary souvenir booklet. Can you help? Other photos of significant events in the parish's history would also be welcomed.

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.)

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.

Are you paying less tax? If you are no longer paying sufficient tax to cover your Gift Aid donations, HMRC may ask you to repay the shortfall. Please let us know if you are no longer able to Gift Aid your offerings to the parish and we will exclude you from our tax claim. If you are paying sufficient tax but have not yet completed a declaration for the money you give to the parish either by numbered envelope or by banker's order, please complete one of the Gift Aid forms available in the main porch. We can then reclaim the tax paid on those offerings. Claims can be backdated by up to four years.