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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: £245.18;
envelopes: £229.00; candles: £119.19.
Thank you. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699]

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Dear Parishioners,

The rich man in today's Gospel parable hadn't done anything wrong in acquiring his wealth. He had been blessed with a bumper harvest of his crops. The problem came when he decided to simply sit back and enjoy his accumulated wealth for the years to come. When his life came to a sudden end, he had no further use for all that wealth. He couldn't take any of it with him. No doubt, there would be those left behind who would argue about the ownership of his wealth. That was the situation facing the man who prompted that parable when he came to ask Jesus to arbitrate in his claim against his brother. Jesus refused to take sides in his family dispute. The point of the parable was that we shouldn't allow ourselves to be so distracted by the things of this world that we neglect the more important things.

We rely on material things to provide for our own immediate needs, and the needs of those who depend on us. At the end of our time in this world, we leave all those things behind for others. The only thing that we can take with us beyond this life is love. We build up a credit balance of love, so to speak, by the ways in which we use what we have in this world for the benefit of others. Paradoxically, the more we offer love to others, the more that love accumulates for ourselves. We all feel the benefit of the efforts we make to show love in this life, but the benefits that we acquire from our sharing also remain with us for all eternity.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Sunday Coffee – Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre every Sunday between the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. All are welcome.

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.

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

Saturday 30th July, 10:00am – John Hanaway RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Bridie Byrne RIP

Sunday 31st July, 9:30am – Anne Congel RIP

11:30am – People of the Parish

Monday 1st August, 10:00am – Weiss Family (Intention)

Tuesday 2nd August, 10:00am – Gerry Costello (Intention)

Thursday 4th August, 10:00am – Seamus Maher RIP

Friday 5th August, 10:00am – Mrs Ngozi Orji (Intention)

Saturday 6th August, 10:00am – William Collings RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Marian Peter Michel RIP Anniv.

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>.

Church offerings – As banks are becoming more reluctant to handle cash, and especially coins, we will not be resuming our offertory collection at Mass for the time being. It has been very helpful, over the past couple of years, that many parishioners have been donating directly to our parish bank account. If you have not done so already, you can simply make a transfer from your own account, or set up a regular standing order, using the following details:

Payee: WRCDT Finchley Church End

Sort code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 11094599

(It is classed as a 'business' account.)

Debit or credit card donations can be made via the microsite, <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

You can also continue to use numbered envelopes to make your weekly offering. Please ask if you would like to start using envelopes. Those who have previously requested a box of envelopes can collect them before or after Mass. Donations for the parish may be placed in the designated 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." Thank you for your continued support.

Gift Aid – Many thanks to those who have Gift Aided their donations to the parish. This year we have been able to reclaim for the parish £7817.98 of the tax you have paid. 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. There is more information on our parish microsite, at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>. To be included in a Gift Aid claim, donations must be made by bank transfer, by numbered envelope or by cheque.

Philippian Players – Many years ago, the parish had a thriving drama group, known as the Philippian Players which, for a variety of reasons, no longer exists. As part of a move to have more activities in the parish as we emerge from the pandemic, we are looking to revive the group. We need volunteers, people to act, help with music, sets, costumes, etc. with a view to putting on a panto or light-hearted play, either just before or after Christmas. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Jean-Marc Evans, on 07901 603076. No previous experience required. This won't be the Royal Shakespeare Company, but will hopefully be fun for all concerned.

Security – Most people come to the church to pray but, occasionally, there are those who come to prey! Do take care of your personal possessions, and don't leave valuables unattended, including when you leave your seat to receive Holy Communion.

Newsletter distribution – You can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish microsite. You can also receive the latest copy every week via email. Do that by clicking the 'Subscribe to Alerts' button, which is at the bottom of each page on the parish microsite, or simply let us know that you would like to receive the weekly email. You can unsubscribe at any time. 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.

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.

Parish Administrator – Stephanie Uwalaka has successfully applied for a post in the diocesan Safeguarding Department. Their gain is our loss, and we are now seeking to recruit a new Parish Administrator. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/vacancy/> for more information.

The Queen's Green Canopy – Thanks to those who bought tickets for our Strawberry Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and to those who kindly donated food for the occasion, we made a profit from the event. It has been decided that the surplus will be donated for the planting of trees in deprived urban areas and schools. This will provide a lasting legacy from this unique occasion, to improve the quality of life in communities. We have funded 23 trees for this project, about which you can find out more at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>.

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 will resume its weekly meetings this Thursday (4th August) at 10:30am in the Meeting Room.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 – In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales. The tour will include special events at Westminster Cathedral on the weekend of 3rd - 5th September. See the Cathedral website at <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/>, or the Tour website at <https://stbernadette.org.uk/> for more information.

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Thank you from CAFOD – Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

Will you take the first Step? - CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022; go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

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 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.

Polish Services – For information about Polish services, visit the Polish-language website <http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk/>.

