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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: £217.94;

envelopes: £433.00; candles: £52.23.

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

23rd Sunday of the Year – 6th September 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The love that Christians had for each other in the early Church was noticed by the people around them. They could see that there was something special about the behaviour of the followers of Christ which distinguished them from others. Today's Gospel reading highlights how that reputation was not just a show that Our Lord's disciples put on for the benefit of others. It was, more importantly, the result of the desire to bring out what was best in each individual.

In these days of social media, it happens all too often that the first stage in dealing with someone who has made a mistake is to highlight their mistake for everyone to see, without trying to understand the circumstances. Our goal as Christians should be to encourage each other to make the right choices, and to set a good example to support those who are in particular need of God's grace and mercy.

Christ didn't come to condemn, but to redeem. He invites each one of us to reflect his redeeming love to those around us.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Booking for Mass – As we have to ensure that the number of people in the church building remains within safe limits, it is advisable to register your intention to come to a particular Sunday Mass. The simplest way to book for Mass is via the Events page on the parish microsite at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/>.

Choose the Mass you wish to attend and click on the 'Book a Place' button for that Mass. Then enter your name and either a phone number or an email address. Only one booking is required for each household group of up to five people, but specify how many people are in the group. Make sure you complete your booking by clicking on the green button at the bottom of the page. (You may need to scroll down the page to see the button.) You should then receive an on-screen confirmation. If you are unable to access the online service, you can also book with a phone call to the parish number, or in writing, saying which Mass

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you wish to attend and providing contact details. The information supplied will be deleted automatically 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. There are currently no booking arrangements for weekday Masses, including Saturday morning. Those who turn up without booking will be admitted to any of the Masses if un-booked places are still available in the church.

Those who attend a Sunday Mass on their own, or with one or two other members of the same household, are invited to use the chairs at the sides of the church, to leave more space in the benches for larger family groups to sit together.

The mandatory wearing of face coverings means that there is scope to increase the capacity of the church, but we are aiming to maintain a 2-metre separation between people from different households for the time being.

Check the parish microsite for up-to-date information:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/>.

Sacramental Programmes – Arrangements are being made for the children who were due to make their First Holy Communion in June, to enable them to receive the Sacrament in three different groups on Saturday mornings in October. There will be a limit to the number of family members and others who can join the children for the liturgy. Details have been sent to parents by email. We are hoping to begin the new First Holy Communion course in January. More information about that will be available after the half-term break. We hope that we will also be able to make arrangements later in the term for those whose Confirmations were postponed in the summer. Information will be provided as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) – Confessions currently take place on Saturday mornings between 10:30-11:00am in the Weekday Chapel. Enter the Chapel via the door near the side entrance of the church. While awaiting your turn for Confession, please remain in the main body of the church, keeping an appropriate distance from others. A face covering should be worn while you are in the church building.

Planned Giving – Many thanks to those who have been making payments to the parish account. Standing Orders, as well as one-off payments, can be set up using mobile or online banking. 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.) If you prefer to make your offering by cheque, please make it payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." Donations are all recorded against the date of receipt, rather than the date on your envelope, so only one envelope is required each time you make a donation, even if it is for several weeks. There is no offertory collection at present, but boxes are available in the church in which you can deposit your envelope or other offerings when you come to a Sunday Mass. There is also a wall box in the main porch marked for donations. You can also donate to the parish using Virgin Money Giving (VMG) – there are links to our VMG donation page on the parish websites.

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.

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

Saturday 5th Sept, 10:00am – William Knight RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – Silvana Stobbs RIP Anniv.

Sunday 6th September, 9:30am – People of the Parish

11:30am – Mary Guly RIP Anniv.

Monday 7th Sept, 10:00am – Jason O’Callaghan RIP Anniv.

Tuesday 8th Sept, 10:00am – Marie Kirri RIP Anniv.

Thursday 10th Sept, 10:00am – Elizabeth & Blue Lyon RIP Anniv.

Friday 11th Sept, 10:00am – Angelo Borg RIP Anniv.

Saturday 12th Sept, 10:00am – James Blean RIP Anniv.

6:30pm – People of the Parish

CAFOD Appeals – People living in refugee camps or in situations of conflict are among the most vulnerable in the world during the Covid-19 pandemic. CAFOD is working with the Disasters Emergency Committee to bring urgent relief to such people. They are also working with their partners in Lebanon to offer support following the explosions in Beirut. You can make a donation to help their efforts at <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/>.

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 Galuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Tax Refunds – If you pay tax, whether it is on salary, pension, savings or investments, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. All you have to do is to complete a Gift Aid declaration and then make your offerings, either by numbered envelope, by cheque or directly to the parish bank account. If you haven’t already done so, please consider signing up. You can now also register for Gift Aid by email. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> provides details of what is required.

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.

Radio Broadcasts – Those who are unable to access live-streaming on the internet can listen to Mass on DAB radio. Radio Maria England broadcasts on DAB+ in the London area. (Search for RMariaEn.) They have Mass each day after the Angelus at 12 noon, as well as earlier Masses at different times. See <https://radiomariaengland.uk/> for details.

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, you can request a registration form by email. (Make a note on the top of the form if you are updating details.)

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
Consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

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.