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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 11:00-11:30am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £128.48

envelopes: £237.11; candles: £61.13.

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

29th Sunday of the Year – 18th October 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The Jerusalem Temple had its own coinage because Roman coins, bearing the 'graven image' of the Emperor, could not be used within the Temple precinct. The Pharisees and the Herodians, who ganged up on Jesus in today's Gospel reading, showed that they were happy to make use of those Roman coins. That revelation scuppered their attempt to get the better of him. Jesus said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God." That doesn't imply that some things belong to Caesar and other things belong to God. Caesar can dictate what happens to the coins that bear his image. Each of us bears the image and likeness of God; it is God's will, therefore, that we should seek to follow in everything that we do.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

Covid-19 Safety – Moving to Covid Tier 2 this weekend doesn't affect our arrangements for Mass, but it does highlight the importance of keeping to the safety measures that have been put in place:

- Make sure you book for each Mass you wish to attend, either on the online service or by email or phone;
- Wear a covering over your nose as well as your mouth while you are in the church (apart from when receiving Holy Communion);
- Use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church, and after handling votive candles;
- Maintain a social distance from those outside your household group (or support bubble) at all times;
- Move quickly to your seat when you enter the church, and avoid unnecessary movement within the church;
- Leave the church as quickly as possible after Mass and avoid close contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

If you pick up a paper copy of this newsletter in the church, please make sure that you take it with you when you leave. Don't leave any used copies behind in the church.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – If you haven't yet done so, you can contribute to the work of CAFOD in one of the following ways:

- Online at cafod.org.uk/give
- Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10 from your phone account (*standard SMS charge also applies*)
- Transfer to our parish account [*details below*] adding the reference CAFOD to your payment
- Place cash or cheques in the CAFOD wall box in the main porch (under the CAFOD poster). *Please make cheques payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle"*
- If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special envelopes from the church porch. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection box, or in the letter-box of the Priests House.

Booking for Mass – Booking is now essential for Sunday Masses and is also highly recommended for Masses during the week. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as keeping records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. You can use the online booking service at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/>. If you are unable to access the online service, you can also book with a phone call to the parish number, by email or in writing, saying which Mass you wish to attend and providing your contact details. The information supplied will be deleted 21 days after the date of the Mass for which you book. Those who come without booking will not be admitted if the building has reached its safe capacity. Check the parish microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for up-to-date information.

First Holy Communion – The children are receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:00am Saturday morning Mass for three consecutive Saturdays. Let us keep them, and their families, in our prayers at this time. Please note that space will be very limited for others to join those Masses, so it is important to use the booking service. The new First Holy Communion course will not begin before January.

Confirmation – The young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at special Masses on two Sundays in November.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) – Confessions are at the later time of 11:00-11:30am on Saturday mornings until next weekend. They take place in the Weekday Chapel. The entrance is next to the side door of the church.

Church offerings – Donations for the parish may be placed in the wall-box marked for that purpose in the main porch. Cheques should be made payable to "WRCDT St Philip the Apostle Finchley." Envelopes may also be placed in the wooden box at the front of the church. A preferred option is to make a transfer 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.) Debit and credit card donations can also be made via the parish microsite, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>

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

Saturday 17th Oct,

10:00am – First Holy Communion children
6:30pm – Tessa Cleary RIP

Sunday 18th Oct, 9:30am – People of the Parish

11:30am – Theresa Proud RIP Anniv.

Monday 19th Oct, 10:00am – Francis Lobo RIP

Tuesday 20th Oct, 10:00am – Timothy Desmond RIP Anniv.

Thursday 22nd Oct, 10:00am – Mary Gorter RIP Anniv.

Friday 23rd Oct, 10:00am – Angela Ferro RIP

Saturday 24th Oct,

10:00am – First Holy Communion children
6:30pm – Thomas Horan RIP Anniv.

NHS COVID-19 app – Use the app to check in at the church, by scanning the QR code in the porch. The code is on posters displayed on your left as you enter the main door. This does not replace the need to book for Mass.

Month of the Holy Souls – Masses will be celebrated throughout the month of November for our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to make a list of the names of your loved ones, place your list in one of the special brown envelopes, available in the church porch, and those lists will be placed on the altar for each Mass during November.

One World Week 2020 – We will be celebrating God's gift of our one world in a time of prayer and reflection for people of all faiths, next Saturday (24th October), at St Mary-at-Finchley Church, Hendon Lane, N3 1TR, at 12:30pm. Social distancing respected! Traditional snowdrop planting. Refreshments (outdoors if it's a fine day). If you would like to join, please contact: lynnradnedge@aol.com or 07977 222708.

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.

Finchley Catholic High School will not be able to host prospective parents and pupils onto the school site this year, but videos and FAQs are available on the school website, <https://www.finchleycatholic.org.uk/>, where you will also find a dedicated email address for admissions-related questions.

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 Gatuszka, may be contacted on 07984 293753.

Gift Aid – If you are a tax-payer, we can reclaim the tax you pay on the money you donate to the church. A Gift Aid declaration can now be completed 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.

British Summer Time ends next weekend – Put your clocks and watches back one hour on Saturday night, and you can have an extra hour in bed!

Offertory envelopes – New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes will be available in the next couple of weeks for those who have been using them regularly.

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: **Give the Lord glory and power.**

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.