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Service times this week

Sunday Mass: Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:30am

11:30am

Epiphany of the Lord (Wednesday):

12:00noon & 7:30pm

Weekday Mass: 10:00am

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Confessions: Saturday 10:30-11:00am

Last week's receipts: loose collection: £77.04;

Sunday envelopes: £462.00; candles: £133.03.

Christmas: loose: £382.51; envelopes: £257.00.

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

Second Sunday after the Nativity – 3rd January 2021

Dear Parishioners,

For over a decade, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord has been celebrated every year in this country on a Sunday. It has now been restored to its traditional date of 6th January (but will still be transferred to Sunday in the years when 6th January falls on Saturday or Monday). The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, but we will have Mass at our usual Holy Day times of 12 noon and 7:30pm on Wednesday, to celebrate the Epiphany.

The wise men were guided by a star to find the new-born Christ. What they perceived was not a great cosmic event, which might have been visible to anyone. They recognised some change in a distant star, which prompted them to begin their search for the new King.

Christ is the eternal Word of God, through whom everything exists. He could have chosen to appear in a blazing flash of glory, but instead he chose to come among us, in humility, as one of us. He came to share his light, not as a blinding phenomenon which would cause fear on earth. Instead, he came to share the light of his love through the hearts of those who are open to his presence.

At this time of great challenge and uncertainty for all of us, may we open our hearts to his light, that we may help each other to overcome the shadows that surround us, and allow the Lord's light to bring strength and hope in the coming year.

May God bless you all,
Fr John Dermody.

Covid-19 Safety – We are able to maintain our schedule of Masses, but we have to keep 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);

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.

- 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 contact with those outside your household group as you depart.

Teresa St John R.I.P. – Teresa's funeral will take place this week within the limitations necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic. May she rest in peace.

Booking for Mass – Booking is recommended for all Sunday Masses and for other feast days. It helps us to maintain safety in the church, as well as to keep records which may be required by the NHS Test and Trace service. Visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/events/> to access the online booking service. If you are unable to book online, you can also request a booking with a phone call to the parish number, or by email, 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. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/mass-guidelines/> for up-to-date information. If you are not able to attend after booking a place for Mass, please let us know by email or phone, so that your place may be reallocated.

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.

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 be made via the parish microsite, using the following link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/>.

Offertory envelopes – New boxes of Planned Giving envelopes are available for those who have been using them recently. If you wish to continue using envelopes, and have not yet received your new box, please let us know.

Crib Offerings – Our crib figures have been placed in front of the tabernacle this year. There is a wall box in the pillar to the left of the crib in which you can place offerings for the Catholic Children's Society. You can also help this charity with their work supporting disadvantaged children and their families by making an online donation at their website <http://www.cathchild.org.uk/donate/>.

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

Saturday 2nd Jan, 10:00am – Teresa St John RIP
6:30pm – Rita Dutton RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd Jan, 9:30am – People of the Parish
11:30am – Coralie Cynthia Mary Hawkyard RIP
Monday 4th Jan, 10:00am – Fr Ennio SX RIP
Tuesday 5th Jan, 10:00am – Fr Michael Horrax RIP
Wednesday 6th Jan, 12 noon – Marlette De Souza RIP
(Anniversary)
7:30pm – People of the Parish
Thursday 7th Jan, 10:00am – Teresa St John RIP
Friday 8th Jan, 10:00am – Mary Landucci (Intention)
Saturday 9th Jan, 10:00am – Abel Family (Intention)
6:30pm – People of the Parish

Charities – Many charities have struggled over the past year, unable to raise funds in their traditional ways. A selection of the charities that we have supported over the years are listed on the Charities page of our parish microsite, together with information about how you can help them now. Please consider choosing one to support. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/charities/> for more information.

Mary's Meals – It was not possible to have the usual Rags to Riches collection of clothing and fabrics for Mary's Meals in the past year, but you can donate to the charity online, and from now until the end of January 2021 all donations will be matched by the UK Government. Find out more or donate at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove>

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. See <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> for details of the information that is required.

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.

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.

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.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Friday 1st January):

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **O God, be gracious and bless us.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past

and in various different ways,

God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

but in our own time, the last days,

he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

This Sunday's responses:

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: **The Word was made flesh,
and lived among us.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;

Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.

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.

Epiphany of the Lord (Wednesday 6th January):

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **All nations shall fall prostrate before you,**

O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose

and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia!