

# St. Philip the Apostle



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## SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday Mass**  
6:30pm (Saturday Evening)  
9:30am (Sung Mass)  
11:30am (Family Mass)

**Weekday Mass**  
(Mon, Tue & Thu-Sat)  
10am

**Confessions**  
(Saturday)  
10:30am - 11am

**No Mass on Wednesdays**



## A Letter From Our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

The Acts of the Apostles highlights the importance of the community of faith for the first generation of Christians. Today's first reading tells how that community supported each other, not only spiritually, but also by sharing their material resources.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear how the apostle Thomas was not with the rest of the apostles when Jesus appeared to them for the first time after rising from the dead. When Thomas returned to the group, he refused to believe what the others were telling him, and said he would only believe if he was able to see and touch the Risen Christ. Thomas was with the rest when Jesus appeared to them again. He addressed Thomas with great patience and tenderness, inviting him to come and obtain the evidence he had asked for. Thomas responded with his simple, but profound, profession of faith, "My Lord and my God!"

Being part of a community of faith is important for all of us. It was good to see so many people at the Easter services last week. Sharing our faith together, and encouraging each other in celebrating our faith, helps each of us to grow in our awareness of the presence of the Risen Lord. Thomas is not the only one who has struggled with matters of belief. Christ reached out to him to draw Thomas into a deeper experience of faith. The Lord also reaches out to each one of us, as he invites us to respond by reaching out to others to share the graces that he offers to everyone, for the benefit of all.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

## LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

**Easter Loose Collection**

£614.50

**Envelopes  
(including Easter)**

£331

**Candles**

£260.76

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## Newsletter Distribution

You can read the last four issues of this newsletter on the parish microsite. If you'd like to receive the latest copy every week via email, click the 'Subscribe to Alerts' button found at the bottom of each page on the microsite. Alternatively, you can let us know that you would like to be added to the distribution list by contacting us directly through phone or by email. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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## POLISH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sunday Mass takes place at 6:30pm

For information about Polish services, visit the Polish-language website

[www.finchleyparish.co.uk](http://www.finchleyparish.co.uk) or contact

Fr. Aleksander Dasik on **07491 511519**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass will be celebrated this week for the following intentions:

### Saturday 6th April

10am Fr. Michael Daley RIP

6:30pm People of the Parish

### Sunday 7th April

*2nd Sunday of Easter*

9:30am Dirce Acuti RIP (Anniversary)

11:30am Patrick Clohessy RIP (Anniversary)

### Monday 8th April

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

10am Fr. John Taylor RIP

### Tuesday 9th April

10am Tom Halpenny

### Thursday 11th April

10am Benefactors (SCCF)

### Friday 12th April

10am Joan Sahagun RIP

### Saturday 13th April

10am Elizabeth O'Keefe

6:30pm Maureen Brennan RIP

## Church Offerings & Gift Aid

It has been a great benefit for the parish that many people have been donating directly to our parish bank account. You can make a one-off donation, or set up a regular Standing Order, using the details below.

PARISH BANK DETAILS  
(CLASSED AS 'BUSINESS' ACCOUNT)  
PAYEE: WRCDT FINCHLEY CHURCH END  
SORT CODE: 40-05-20  
ACCOUNT NO.: 11094599

Alternatively, you can visit the parish microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/donate/> to donate via card or set up a Direct Debit for regular payments.

Numbered envelopes can still be used to make your weekly offering. Please, contact the Parish Administrator if you'd like to start using envelopes. Cash donations 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 Finchley Church End."

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 by email. Please, see the microsite for more information. You can also complete one of the paper forms available in the church porch.

We thank you for your continued support.

## Weekly Meetings

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy on Sundays will resume on **28th April**. For more information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.



*Flair for the dramatic?*  
JOIN THE PHILIPPIN PLAYERS

CONTACT  
JEAN-MARC  
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*Sunday Coffee*

*Join us for refreshments  
in the Parish Centre  
between the two Masses  
on Sunday morning.  
All are welcome!*

### MOTHERS PRAYERS GROUP

The Mothers Prayers Group meet every other Thursday in the meeting room of the church at 10.30am. Mothers and Grandmothers, young and old, are encouraged to join and pray together. The next meeting is on **Thursday 11th April**. Accommodations can be made where possible if you're unable to attend. For more info, please contact Isabella Roberts on 07539 611248 or Veronica Devine on 07857 303006. Alternatively, you can email Isabella and Veronica at [bella\\_oar@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bella_oar@yahoo.co.uk) and [veronicadevine@ymail.com](mailto:veronicadevine@ymail.com), respectively.



## Upcoming Events & Other Announcements



### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19TH-26TH JULY

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by **Tuesday 30th April**.



### Diocese of Westminster Priest Training Fund

Sunday 21st April is Good Shepard Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place on that weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. There is one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. Your generous donation helps ensure that these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepard are supported. There is a wall box for donations in the main porch, as well as donation envelopes. Alternatively, you can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.PriestTrainingFund.org.uk](http://www.PriestTrainingFund.org.uk). Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. Thank you.

### CAFOD EMERGENCY

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal  
It's been six months since the escalation of conflict in the Holy Land. While it is increasingly difficult to provide assistance, CAFOD's trusted partners in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel are still managing to respond to the needs around them. They are providing essentials to those caught up in the fighting but have been clear that with more funding, they can do more to protect and to provide for their communities. If you are able to, please donate to the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal to support our partners, who are already responding to tens of thousands of people in urgent need despite the challenging circumstances. For more information please visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others."

POPE FRANCIS