

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,

These days, when we are presented with something which seems too good to be true, we are advised to exercise caution. There are plenty of scams which are made to appear very attractive. But, when we have done that due diligence and still come to the conclusion that we are being offered something that is genuine, we may feel like pinching ourselves to make sure that we are not dreaming.

The disciples were in that state of disbelief when they first encountered Christ after his resurrection. The different reports that we have of Christ's appearances show that he was somehow different. Those reports reveal that Christ's risen, glorified body was transformed. The disciples could see that he hadn't simply been resuscitated. He was now in a new state of being. They were at pains to point out that the One who appeared to them was not a ghost or a vision. They could touch him. He ate with them. But, it was also clear to them that this was indeed the same person who had been with them over the previous few years. In the breaking of bread, they recognised the One who had broken bread with them at the Last Supper just a few days before.

In the Eucharist, every time we come together for Mass, we recognise the Risen Lord present among us, as we listen to the words of Scripture and share in the breaking of bread. That reality may seem like something that is too good to be true. Perhaps we need to pinch ourselves occasionally to remind ourselves what we are being offered in this Sacrament - nothing less than the Lord himself. Like the apostles, we share in this great gift so that we can carry the gift of the Lord's redeeming love to others. During this Easter season, we take time to reflect on that reality.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

Loose Collection

£173.36

Envelopes Candles

£167 £141.36

Standing Orders/Online (March)

£5,147.80

Newsletter Distribution

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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 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 13th April

10am Elizabeth O'Keefe

6:30pm Maureen Brennan RIP

Sunday 14th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30am People of the Parish

11:30am Denisa Zecca RIP

Monday 15th April

10am Maria Gussago RIP (Anniversary)

Tuesday 16th April

10am Elisabeth Sellmair

Thursday 18th April

10am Clive Mumford RIP

Friday 19th April

St. Alphege

10am Joan Sahagun RIP

Saturday 20th April

10am John Daly RIP (Anniversary)

6:30pm People of the Parish

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.

Upcoming Events & Other Announcements



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING REMINDER 18TH APRIL

A gentle reminder that there is a meeting for parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion this Thursday. Please note that the meeting will be held in the **Weekday Chapel** (entrance via the side door of the church) at 7:30pm. The children have another workshop on Saturday (20th April) and a special liturgy at the 11:30am Mass next Sunday (21st April).

QUIZ NIGHT

You are invited to join us for a night of fun, food and general knowledge on **Saturday 27th April** in the Parish Centre. Doors open at 7:15pm for a prompt start of the quiz at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 which includes a tasty meal of Fish & Chips. Raffle tickets will be available to buy on the day but tickets to the event must be purchased in advance to ensure the correct amount of Fish & Chips is ordered. They will be available for purchase after Mass this weekend. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal.

TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. They are looking for Trustees to strengthen their board and to help them continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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
07901 603076



Sunday Coffee

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

Charity



Diocese of Westminster
Priest Training Fund

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 25th 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 and veronicadevine@gmail.com, respectively.



"And he departed from our sight and we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here."

ST. AUGUSTINE

Sunday 21st April is Good Shepherd 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 Shepherd 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. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. Thank you.