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 - ľľam



No Mass on Wednesdays

A Letter From Our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Each and every one of us has a vocation, that is, a calling to a particular path through life. There are some people who recognise that calling from a very early age and who then devote their lives to pursuing that path. Most of us take much longer to work out our vocation. Indeed, many people never really discover that optimum path, or fail to find the opportunities to take the direction that they feel will enable them to make the best use of their gifts.

Today is Vocations Sunday. It is a day on which we pray for the grace to discern the path that will enable us to attain a real sense of fulfilment and of purpose. The call that each of us receives comes from God. He has created us for a particular purpose, and it is in the ways in which we support and encourage each other to discern that special purpose that we come to recognise ourselves as the children of God.

Today is also Good Shepherd Sunday. Just as a good shepherd will devote himself to the well-being and safety of each of his sheep, so Christ is the Good Shepherd who offers us the grace that we need to help us achieve our own good, as well as playing our part in promoting the good of his entire flock.

A particular vocation that we pray for today is that of priesthood and religious life. Christ's flock needs good shepherds to guide them. We pray that those who are called to those vocations by the Lord will respond with courage and generosity, supported by the whole community.

May God bless you all, Fr John Dermody.

LAST WEEK'S **DONATIONS**

Loose Collection £202.27

> **Envelopes** £221

Candles £97.36

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. [WRCDT Reg. Charity no. 233699] 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 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 20th April

John Daly RIP (Anniversary) 10am

People of the Parish 6:30pm

Sunday 21st April

4th Sunday of Easter

Franco & Tina Filippi 9:30am Val & Gerry Costello 11:30am

Monday 22nd April

Fred Benham RIP 10am

Funeral - Ilda Losi RIP 7pm

Tuesday 23rd April

St. George

George Chaloner RIP 10am

Thursday 25th April

St. Mark

Maria Michel RIP 10am

Friday 26th April

Seamus Bennett RIP 10am

Saturday 27th April

Halina Zaucha RIP 10am

Margaret McLaughlin RIP 6:3Upm

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 Lituray on Sundays will resume on **28th April**. For more information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.



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07901 603076

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 25th April. Accommodations can be made where possible if you're unable to attend. For more info, please contact Isábella Roberts on 07539 611248 or Veronica Devine on 07857 303006. Alternatively, you can email Isabella and Veronica at <u>bella_oar@yahoo.co.uk</u> and <u>veronicadevine@ymail.com</u>, respectively.

<u>"Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder.</u> Help someone's soul heal. Walk out of your house like a shepherd.

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Upcoming Events & Other Announcements



MASS WITH SCHOOLCHILDREN

Children from Years 1 and 2 at St. Theresa's School will be joining us for the 10am Mass this Friday (26th Ápril) All are welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Quiz Night on Saturday 27th April in the Parish Centre has been cancelled. The event will be rescheduled at a later date to be confirmed. If you have already purchased your tickets, please return them to the church for a full refund. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

FEAST OF ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

The Feast of St. Philip falls on 3rd May but we are celebrating on Monday 6th May with a coffee morning in the parish centre after the 10am Mass. Join us for hot drinks, biscuits, and a natter. There is no entry fee and all are welcome.

TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Cibraltar. 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





Diocese of Westminster

Priest Training Fund

This Sunday (21st April) is Good Shepherd Sunday and our collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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. We also have 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. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. 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 <u>www.PriestTrainingFund.org.uk</u>. Thank you for your generosity.

