

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



IF YOU
ABIDE IN ME
YOU WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT —

A Letter From Our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to symbolise his relationship with us, his disciples. The branches of a vine cannot bear fruit unless they remain attached to the vine, from which they draw nourishment, but it is equally true that the vine cannot produce fruit without those branches from which the fruit develops. If the branches grow too far from the vine, the quality of their fruit declines, which is why those branches need to be pruned regularly, in order to maintain that quality.

We need to remain close to Christ in order to receive the grace that he offers us, so that we can bear fruit in reflecting his love in the world. It is equally true that Christ needs each one of us to be his eyes and ears, his arms and legs, to spread his redeeming love to those around us.

Just as the branches of a vine need to be pruned to maximise the quality of their fruit, so we need to be constantly brought closer to Christ, who is the source of spiritual life for each one of us. It is through our openness to his word, and to the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we find the grace to help us remain close to the Lord, and thus more able to bear fruit in sharing his love in the world.

St. John reminds us that our love must not be mere talk, but should be something real and active. It is in our openness to God's grace that we are able to remain strong in faith, and more effective in reflecting his love to those around us.

May God bless you all,
Fr John Dermody.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

Loose Collection
£246.60

Envelopes
£224

Candles
£122.02

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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 27th April

10am Halina Zaucha RIP

6:30pm Margaret McLaughlin RIP

Sunday 28th April

5th Sunday of Easter

9:30am Gert Benham RIP

11:30am People of the Parish

Monday 29th April

St. Catherine of Siena

10am Jeremy Benham RIP

Tuesday 30th April

10am Frank Cernoch RIP

Thursday 2nd May

St. Athanasius

10am Lilly Cernoch RIP

Friday 3rd May

Ss. Philip & James

10am George Cernoch RIP

Saturday 4th May

The English Martyrs

10am Nik Prentice RIP

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 this Sunday (28th April.) Please, encourage the children to come to the Meeting Room (via the Weekday Chapel) by 11:25am. They will rejoin their families at the Offertory of the Mass. For more information, contact Christine on 07709 721957.

Flair for the dramatic?

JOIN THE PHILIPPIAN 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!



MOTHERS PRAYERS GROUP

The Mothers Prayers Group meet every other Thursday in the meeting room at 10.30am. Mothers and Grandmothers, young and old, are encouraged to join and pray together. The next meeting is on **Thursday 9th May**. For more info, please contact Isabella Roberts on 07539 611248 or Veronica Devine on 07857 303006.

Charity

Diocese of Westminster Priest Training Fund

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are still available in the church porches, or you can make a donation online at www.PriestTrainingFund.org.uk. Please also continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.



CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal or Text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10. Your donation will help to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines. Thank you.

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from CAFOD. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from them, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.

Upcoming Events & Other Announcements



MASS WITH SCHOOLCHILDREN

Children from Years 3 and 4 at St. Theresa's School will be joining us for the 10am Mass this Friday (**3rd May**). 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.

NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP

Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Westminster. His Episcopal Ordination will be at 12 noon on **Tuesday 18th June** at Westminster Cathedral. Please keep the Bishop-elect in your prayers in the meantime as he prepares for this important new stage in his ministry.

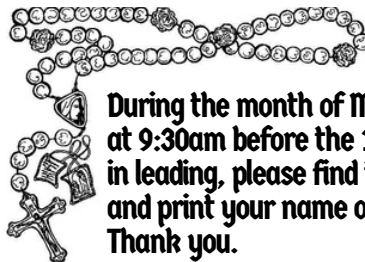
CHORAL SONGS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

Finchley Chamber Choir are proud to promote their upcoming spring concert. 'Choral Songs of the British Isles' on **Saturday 11th May** at 7:30pm in Trinity Church (Nether Street, N12 7NN.) Tickets can be purchased on the website www.finchleysymphony.org or on the door. The choir has been preparing a vibrant and varied programme; don't miss out!

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on **Saturday 4th May** to learn more.

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY



During the month of May, we recite the Holy Rosary at 9:30am before the 10am Mass. Anyone interested in leading, please find the calendar in the side porch and print your name on the date(s) that you'd like. Thank you.

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."

C. S. LEWIS