

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 & Sat)
10am

Confessions
(Saturday)
10:30am - 11am

No Mass on Wednesdays

ASCENSION OF THE LORD SERVICE TIMES

Thursday 9th May
12pm & 7:30pm
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AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

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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

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A Letter From Our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

We use the word 'love' in many different ways. Probably the most common usage is in the realm of romantic love, but that can often refer to a feeling that is self-centred, more focused on the pleasure of the lover than on the wellbeing of the beloved.

When Christ talks of love, he is referring to something at the other end of the spectrum. For Christ, love is about seeking the wellbeing of the beloved. He himself showed us a supreme example of that kind of love by willingly submitting himself to suffering and death in order to redeem us from our sins.

Christ has given us a commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We may well wonder whether one can be commanded to love. Surely love is something to be chosen freely? But Christ himself chose freely to respond to the love of his heavenly Father. His sacrifice was part of that free response. Christ's call to us is not to place a burden on us, as the Law of Moses had been used by the Jewish leaders to place a burden on people. His call is simply to invite us to show love for others as he has shown love for us. The more we make our free response to that invitation, the more we help to ease the burden for everyone.

May God bless you all,

Fr John Dermody.



LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

Loose Collection
£177.20

Envelopes
£225.10

Candles
£122.44

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass will be celebrated this week for the following intentions:

Saturday 4th May

The English Martyrs

10am Nik Prentice RIP

6:30pm Maureen Brennan RIP

Sunday 5th May

6th Sunday of Easter

9:30am Agnelo Menezes RIP

11:30am People of the Parish

Monday 6th May

10am Millie Stead RIP

Tuesday 7th May

10am Erhard Muller RIP

Thursday 9th May

The Ascension of the Lord

12pm Trajano Pereira RIP

7:30pm People of the Parish

Friday 10th May

10am Sigrid Schmid-Wellenburg RIP

Saturday 11th May

10am Tom Lennon & Bernard Spalding RIP

6:30pm Fr. John Warnaby 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

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
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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 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

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

URGENT

Sudan Crisis Appeal 2024

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



FEAST OF ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

The Feast of St. Philip was on 3rd May but we are celebrating this 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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday (**9th May**) is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have Mass on Thursday at 12 noon and at 7:30pm.



MASS WITH SCHOOLCHILDREN

Children from Years 5 and 6 at St. Theresa's School will be joining us for the 10am Mass this Friday (**10th May**). All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11:30am Mass on **Sunday 19th May**. Be aware that the church will probably have a larger attendance than usual for that Mass. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time for them and for the parish.

CHORAL SONGS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

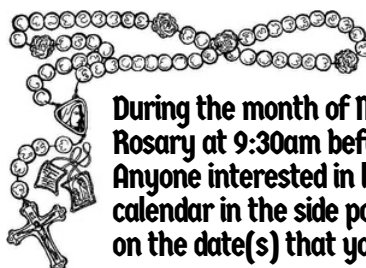
Finchley Chamber Choir are proud to promote their upcoming spring concert, 'Choral Songs of the British Isles' on **Saturday 11th May** at 7:30pm in Trinity Church (Nether Street, N12 7NN.) Tickets can be purchased at the door or on the website www.finchleysymphony.org. The choir has been preparing a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

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S OPEN EVENING FOR SECONDARY TRANSFERS

Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests for St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on **Tuesday 25th June** between 5pm and 7pm. For more information, please see the poster on the 'Schools' pinboard in the front porch.



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.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.