Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Northfields

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**Office Opening Hours Closed**

**Sacraments and Devotions:**

**Suspended until further notice.**

Psalter Week 4

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4th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

Sunday 31st January 2021

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**Readings:**

**This Week (4th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B)** Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Ps 94:1-2, Mark 1:27-28

**Next Week** **(5th Sunday in Ordinary time Year B)** Job 7:1-4, Ps 146:16, Mark 1:29-39

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**Reflection from Fr. Hilary: No Wonder God Loves Children**

As you know, children can utter amusing things without realising it. Here are some sayings actually written by children talking to God.

Dear God, I didn’t think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! *Eugene*

Dear God, did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? *Norma*

Dear God, instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don’t you just keep the ones you have now? *Jane*

Dear God, who draws the lines around the countries? *Michael*

Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right there in the Church. Is that OK? *Neil*

Dear God, thank you for my baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy. *Edward*

Dear God, please could you send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. *Sharon*

Dear God, if we can come back as something, please don’t let me be Jennifer Horton because I hate her. *Denise*

Dear God, I think about you sometimes, even when I’m not praying. *John*

Dear God, I want to be just like my Daddy when I grow up but not with so much hair all over! *Sam*

**Rest in Peace** We pray for the repose of the soul of : Patrick McTiernan whose requiem will be celebrated on Friday 5th February at 10.30am. **This Mass will replace the normal Mass of the day**. Please be aware that only 30 people are allowed to attend a funeral, this should be Family and invited friends only.

**Celebration of Mass will continue through the current lockdown**. - **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11.15am, Sunday** at **9am, 11.15am** and an evening Mass at **6pm Tuesday Saturday and Sunday**. **If you are shielding, considered vulnerable or not feeling well, please do not come to church – the removal of the obligation to attend Mass is still in operation**

**During this critical time, please do not mingle or stop to chat with anyone outside your ‘bubble’ either inside or outside the church as stipulated by Government guidelines.**

Please be aware that numbers allowed in the church at any one time are restricted, the wearing of face coverings is mandatory (unless exempt), as is the use of hand sanitiser on entry and exit of the building. Please be courteous to the volunteer stewards when you are asked to comply with the protocols that are in place. They are there to ensure the protection and safety of everyone.

Please take a copy of the newsletter to anyone who may not be able to get out. Prayer resources will be replenished on the table at the back of the church. Details of live streamed Masses from churches in the diocese can be found at <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/how-to-participate-in-mass-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/> and other prayer resources at <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/resources-during-mass-suspension/>

**In order for us to be able to offer and maintain the above at this time, it is essential that the church is cleaned daily following the Diocesan and Government guidelines that we have been given. This is not possible without the help of volunteers. We are in need of more parishioners to join the team of volunteers for both cleaning and stewarding. Cleaning takes place immediately after Mass has finished.** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rosa on the parish email northfields@rcdow.org.uk or by leaving a message on the office Ansa phone 0208 567 5421 with your contact details. **An estimate of 3 stewards per Mass and 2 cleaners. Please seriously consider helping during this time.**

**Test and Trace-** As per government guidelines, we are required to ask parishioners to leave details of names and phone numbers when attending the church. Complete a short form or use the QR code with NHS app.

**Masses this Week**

**Sunday 31st January (4th Sunday Year B) Thursday 4th February**

*(Sat.)*  6.00pm Mary Anne Osborne (Ann.) **No Mass**

 9.00am Patrick McTiernan (LD)

11.15am Gerry Harlowe (Ann). **Friday 5th February (St Agatha)**

 6.00pmBishop Patrick O’Donoghue (LD.) 10.30am Funeral Mass Patrick McTiernan *(RIP)*

**Monday 1st February**  **Saturday 6th February**

11.15am Kathleen Walsh (Birthday*)* **No Morning Mass**

**Tuesday 2nd February (Presentation of the Lord)** **Sunday 7th February (5th Sunday Year B)**

 6.00pm John Percival (LD.)  *(Sat.)* 6.00pm.Margaret Owens (Special Int.) 9.00am Teresa Gilbert (LD.)

**Wednesday 3rd February (Sts Blaise & Ansgar)**  11.15am Private Intention

11.15am Margaret Grimley (LD.) 6.00pm Deceased members of the Dunne Family

**Mass Intentions** are now being accepted. Please make your request via email, by calling the parish office or completing a form found at the front of the church.

**Prayers for the Sick** We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Teresa Hartnett, Stephania Pullin, Geraldine Davison, Michael Davison, Sylvia O’Connor, Maria da Silva, Dave Mortby, Cerys Edwards, Andrew Chandiram, Ivan Mahon-Smith, Kathleen Walsh, John Zielinski, Maria diMarco, Donna O’Hagan, Eileen Mullin, Ann Hagan, Alan Worman. Sankar Ghosh, Margaret Adu and Fr Dan O’Malley. Our Lady, help of the Sick, pray for us.

**Prayers for those Recently Deceased and Anniversaries** We pray for the repose of the souls of, Bishop Pat O’Donoghue (former auxiliary bishop of Westminster), Teresa Gilbert, Carmella O’Donnell, Bernard Baugh, Patrick McTiernan, John Percival, and Margaret Grimley and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Mary Anne Osborne, Kathleen Walsh, Gerry Harlowe, and Joseph Satchell. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Offertory Envelopes** Should you wish to still make your regular church offerings, please post them through the parish office door, or place them in one of the collection baskets at the back of the Church during Masses. Should you wish to switch to standing order: This can be done online via the parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/donate/> Should you not have internet access, please contact Rosa, or leave a message on the parish ansa phone.

**Safeguarding** Many thanks to Susie Worthington for agreeing to be the new parish Safeguarding rep. She can be contacted on northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

**Catechesis** (Contact Anna initially on northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk or 07787 048144 with enquiries and queries. **Please include a mobile number with your e-mail enquiry.** This will be used particularly for Hotmail e-mail addresses, and increasingly Yahoo, to check you have received replies for reasons given below..

1. **Communications** Please enter the above e-mail address into your contacts list/address book as e-mails have been known to go straight into junk/spam. Please check all your e-mail folders from time to time from now on.
2. **Preparation For First Reconciliation/Eucharist 2021** Children’s sessions have resumed. This week: ‘children ‘Peter’ group Wednesday, 6.15pm. Please look out for a package of materials sent in the post. If you haven’t yet received it, contact Anna.
3. **Confirmation 2021** Candidates’ session today, ‘Fruits’ Group, 4.30pm online. Link details sent out via e-mail.
4. **Baptism Preparation of Infants** The next preparation course will take place via Zoom in February. Details available on request.
5. **Wanting to Know About Being Catholic?** Online separate sessions are being held for children aged 7 to 14 and one for adults (anybody over 14). Please contact Anna for further details (see above)
6. **Marriage Preparation** This year’s preparation programme will be held online via Zoom over 4 Friday evenings in March for about 90 minutes each session. Attending a course is a prerequisite for any Catholic marriage taking place anywhere in the world. Please note: 6 months’ notice of date of marriage required in order to arrange the completion of necessary paperwork.
7. **Adult Confirmations** Are you 16+, not confirmed but like to be? Getting married in a country where Confirmation is a requirement? Arrangements are being made to provide a preparation course in the near future, most likely online. Please contact Anna by the end of February.

**Stress in Your Marriage?**  For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 25th – 28th February 2021, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Lent Faith-Sharing *Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land***, The resource is available either as a physical or digital copy. Proceeds go to ‘Friends of the Holy Land’. For this reason you are encouraged to purchase your own copy. directly from Friends of the Holy Land both priced at £7.99, and both available from their website ([www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk)). A parish Zoom group will be offered. Please contact Anna by e-mail if you are interested by Ash Wednesday (17th February).

**The Parish Office remains closed to the public,** but we are checking emails and phone messages daily. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to call the office on 0208 567 5421 or if engaged or in an emergency 07787 048144 (Anna), or e-mail northfields@rcdow.org.uk. For up-to-date information, please go to the parish’s social media: website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields> or the Facebook page <https://fb.me\38camborneavenue>, particularly at this time with the ever-changing Covid situation.