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 of Easter Year B

Sunday 25th April 2021

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**Readings:**

**This Week** (**4t**h **Sunday of Easter Year B)** Acts 4:8-12, 37-43; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:14

**Next Week** (**5t**h **Sunday of Easter Year B)** Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21:26-28, John 3:1-2; John 15:1-8

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**Reflection from Fr. Hilary: The Secret of our Humanity**

Archbishop, Saint Oscar Romero was murdered in 1980 for fighting terrible injustice and for defending the poor. He said many powerful and beautiful things. The five sentences printed below are an excellent example.

He is commenting on one of the most profound statements of the second Vatican council. That statement is:-

**“Only in the Mystery of Christ does the Mystery of man take on meaning”**. That is powerful.

Please, please, study prayerfully Archbishop Romero’s five sentences, not once but many times. They contain the secret

of the fulfilment and happiness of every human being.

“The Church in 2nd Vatican Council says that the secret of the very meaning of our humanity **can be explained only in the reality of the God who became human.**

If people want to look into their own reality – the meaning of their work, their suffering, their hope, their joys, their love, then, let them put themselves next to Christ. If they accomplish what Christ accomplished – doing God the Father’s Will, filling themselves with the life, the truth, the love, that Christ gave to the world, **then they are fulfilling themselves as true human beings.**

But if I find, on comparing myself with Christ, that my life is a contrast, the opposite of his, **then truly my life is a disaster.**

I cannot explain the meaning of being truly human **except by returning to Christ**, who gives authentic features to a person who wants to be genuinely human.”

*Please keep and use*

**Celebration of Mass continues**. – **Details of times overleaf.**. **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. 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 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.

**Volunteers still needed to help with 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 3 cleaners.**

**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.

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

**Next tax year Offertory Envelopes –** The new set of envelopes are available for collection from the church whenever Mass is being celebrated until the end of 18th April. Please ask a steward to get your set for you by giving your name. After 18th April, arrangements will be made to deliver them to home addresses. Should you wish to switch to standing order and/or gift aid, please e-mail or call Rosa. Similarly, should you wish to begin giving my envelope. Standing orders can also be set up online via the parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/donate/>

**Offertory Envelopes** Please post envelopes through the parish office door, or place them in one of the collection baskets at the back of the Church during Masses.

**Going Contactless!** You will find our new CONTACTLESS GIVING device in the church entrance and you can now use your contactless debit/credit card, Google and Apple Pay to make a donation. Simply choose the amount or enter the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Look out for the notice.

Donations can also be given on-line, please visit our webpage and go to ‘donate’ button along the top ribbon.

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

**Masses this Week**

**Sunday 18th April (3rd Sunday of Easter Year B) Thursday 22nd April**

*(Sat.)* 6.00pm . **No Mass**

 9.00am Edward Rafferty (LD.)

11.15am Elizabeth Londra (Ann.) **Friday 23rd April (St George)**

 6.00pm 11.15am Eileen Jolly (LD.)

**Monday 19th April (St Alphege) Saturday 24th April (St Erkenwald & Mellitus)**

11.15am Nora Warde (LD.)  **No Morning Mass**

**Tuesday 20th April** **Sunday 25th April (4th Sunday of Easter Year B)**

6.00pm Patricia Timmons (1st Ann.) *(Sat.)* 6.00pm People of the Parish

 9.00am

**Wednesday 21st April (St Anselm)** 11.15am Private intention

11.15am Eileen Wallace (Int.) 6.00pm

**Prayers for the Sick** We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Mary O’Brien, Barbara Lennon Snr, 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, Ann Hagan, Alan Worman. Sankar Ghosh, Margaret Adu, Therese Biks and Colin Kelly, 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 Eileen Jolly, John Molly, Edward Rafferty and Nora Warde and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Elizabeth Londra, and Patricia Timmons. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

**Parish Ministries and Parish Life** As restrictions gradually ease, we will be considering when parish life can similarly open up: ministry rotas, use of the parish hall, etc. Please keep checking this newsletter, parish website and Facebook page. In the meantime, please think and pray about how you could be of service to the life of your parish.

**Catechetics (Sacramental Preparation)**

**(**Contact Anna initially on northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk or 07787 048144 with enquiries and queries. **Please include a mobile/phone number with your e-mail enquiry.**

**Baptism**

**For infants** (up to the age of 7), parents need to attend a preparation course prior to baptism. The 2-session course is provided most months of the year. The next course begins in May.

**For children aged 7 – 14**, a similar process to that undergone by adults is normally followed.

**For adults**, the RCIA (Journey in Faith) process is followed. For further detailed information, contact Anna.

**First Communion** Next session for children, ‘Peter’ Group, Weds. 21st April, 6.15pm, via Zoom. Should this change, an e-mail will be circulated.

**Confirmation** The next session for ‘Gifts’ group, Sun. 18th April,(today) 4.30pm, via Zoom. ‘Fruits’ group: Sun. 25th April.

**Journey in Faith (R.C.I.A.)** If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, please contact Anna. Fortnightly sessions resume for adults (aged 14+) on **Mon.**, 19th April, 8.00pm.via Zoom; children **Mon,** 26th April. 6.00pm

**Aged 16 or over, Catholic and never been confirmed?** If this describes you and you would like to be confirmed, contact Anna in the Parish Office(northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk) Sessions will commence after Easter for baptised Catholic adults aged 18 and over who are looking to be confirmed. Please contact Anna as a matter of urgency so appropriate arrangements can be made

**Young CAFOD.** The group welcomes young people aged 12-18 years of the parish to help make a difference to global issues together. Jo Lo looks forward to hearing from parents/guardians registering interest or directing queries for their children at YoungCAFODNorthfields@gmail.com. Next Zoom meeting pencilled in for Sunday, 6 June, at 5pm.

**Agency for Evangelisation, Spring Events**

For information on all courses and meetings organised by the Agency for Evangelisation and other diocesan departments, go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/events/>

**1. ‘The Old Testament’ – A guide for the Perplexed**’ A series of online talks by Fr John Deehan, 7.00pm to 8.00pm, Tuesday evenings beginning 20th April. To register for Fr John Deehan’s talks go to: [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-old-testament-a-guide-for-the-perplexed-fr-john-deehan-series-tickets-147585890371). For further information go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/the-old-testament---a-guide-for-the-perplexed/>

**2. Year of St Joseph ‘**Joseph – who stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.’ *Patris Corde*

An online talk by Fr John Hemer MHM, **Thursday 29th April,** 7.00pm – 8.00pm. The talk will be delivered via Zoom. Please register beforehand at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

**Priest Training Fund** Next Sunday 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 next weekend. This fund pays for the formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please only donate by envelope, online or using the QR code on the poster. A cash second collection will not be taken. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations