Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Northfields

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**Office Opening Hours Mon – Weds.& Fri, 10am – 2.00pm. Closed Thursdays.**

**Sacraments and Devotions: Suspended until further notice.**

Psalter Week 3

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1st Sunday of Advent Year C

Sunday 28th November 2021

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**Readings:**

**This Week** (**1st Sunday of Advent Year C)** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Ps 24:4-5, Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28

**Next Week** (**2 Sunday of Advent Year C)** Baruch 5:1-9; Ps 125, Philippians 1:4-6; Luke 3:1-6

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**Reflection from Fr. Hilary: I Believe**

As you know we express our beliefs in the well-known Creeds. They are very precious. When reciting them we should have a prayerful attitude of gratitude to God for their riches. However, those Creeds shouldn’t stop us from expressing our beliefs in different ways. Below there is a a taste of one approach by Dorothy Sölle, a German theologian. It can shake us up. That’s a good thing, indeed at times, a necessary thing: -

I believe in Jesus Christ every day I am afraid

who was right when he that he died in vain

like the rest of us because he is buried in our churches

just another individual because we have betrayed his revolution

who couldn’t beat town hall in our submitting to selfish authority

worked to change the status quo and our fear of it

and was destroyed But I believe in Jesus Christ

looking at him I see who rises again and again in our lives

how our intelligence is crippled so that we will be truly free

our imagination stifled from prejudice and arrogance

our efforts wasted from fear and hate

because we do not live as he did and carry on his revolution

 and make way for his kingdom

Please keep for prayerful reflection

**November: Month of the Holy Souls**

Holy Souls Mass on Tuesday at 6.00pm: November 30th: All who have died during pregnancy and childbirth, babies, children and young people

**Advent** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Mon, Weds and Friday mornings, from 8.15am, unless there is a funeral. See poster for other events for preparing for Christmas.

**Liturgical Ministries:**

**a) Altar Servers**  Recruitment of new servers is ongoing. Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk). Training session in the church for new and any existing servers who would like a refresher, Tues, 7th Dec., 6.30pm.

**b) Music Ministry:** has resumed at 10.00am and 11.30am Masses. Rehearsals in the church: for 10.00am Mass: Thursday, 7.30pm in the church. 11.30am Mass: this week **Tuesday**, 8.00pm. **Carol Service:** Additional singers and musicians welcome to be involved. Some people are unable to commit to rehearsals, but if you would still like to be involved, please contact Antoinette on 07780 618 148 for further information**.’**

**c) Children’s Liturgy** There will be an initial meeting **today** after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Hall for anyone interested in knowing more. If you are unable to attend, please contact Anna. The aim is to begin in the New Year.

**d) Stewards** For weekends, it is hoped that this develops into the resurgence of a ministry of welcome. Please consider if you and/or your family would like to be involved in this important role.

**Sixth** **Form Nursery and Reception** Fr Jim will be available to sign CCPs on **Mon 29th Nov** between 10.30-12 noon and **Friday 3rd Dec**  10.30am – 12 noon. These are the last dates for signing this year, more dates in January 2022. No appointment needed. Should you require copy baptism certificates, please contact Rosa via e-mail.

**Mount Carmel Nursery & Reception** Full time Nursery places and Reception are available for September 2022. Deadline for Nursery applications is 10th December 2021, Reception 15th January 2022. The application information is all on the school website [**https://www.mountcarmel.ealing.sch.uk/admissions/**](https://www.mountcarmel.ealing.sch.uk/admissions/)

**‘Honouring Sunday’** Copies of the Bishops’ statement, emphasising the importance of Sunday as The Day of the Lord and the celebration of Mass, are available and online at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/>

**Masses this Week**

**Sunday 28th November (1st Sunday of Advent Year C)**   **Thursday 2nd December**

*(Sat.)* 6.00pm Deceased members of the Catenian Circle 92 & Family **No Mass**

 8.30am Noreen McConnon (LD.)

10.00am Bridy Clifford (LD.) **Friday 3rd December (St Francis Xavier)**

11.30am Mary Webster (LD.) 9.30am Jamie Butler (RIP)

 6.00pmBridget McNerney (Ann.)

 **Saturday 4th December (St John Damascene)**

**Monday 29th November No Morning Mass**

 9.30am Martin D’Souza (RIP.)

  **Sunday 5th December (2nd Sunday of Advent Year C)**

**Tuesday30th November (St Andrew)** *(Sat.)* 6.00pm Ann Teahan (LD.)

 6.00pm All who died during pregnancy and childbirth, 8.30am William Casey (Ann.)

babies children and young people 10.00am Peter Riddle (LD.)

**Wednesday 1stDecember** 11.30am Roland Wijesinghe (10th Ann.)

 9.30am Funeral Robert Power *RIP* 6.00pm Dick Kilkelly (Get Well.)

**Rest in Peace** We pray for the repose of the soul of : -Robert Power whose requiem will be celebrated on **Wednesday**  **1st December** at 10.30am. The Mass for Larry Sullivan has moved to 29th December. **This Mass will replace the normal Mass of the day**.

**Prayers for the Sick** We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers:, , Nina Roldan, Doreen Foley, Vera Zunzic, Anna Keane, Barbara Lennon Snr, Teresa Hartnett, Stephania Pullin, Geraldine Davison, Michael Davison, Sylvia O’Connor, Dave Mortby, Cerys Edwards, Andrew Chandiram, Ivan Mahon-Smith, Kathleen Walsh, John Zielinski, Donna O’Hagan, Ann Hagan, Alan Worman. Sankar Ghosh, Margaret Adu, Therese Biks, Shantha Kumari, Sagundala Devi, Victor Young. Ernst Barroclough, Kathleen & Patsy O’Donoghue. Our Lady, help of the Sick, pray for us.

**Prayers for those Recently Deceased and Anniversaries** We pray for the repose of the soul of, Gertie Martin, Suzanne Reilly, Bernadette Gallagher, Noreen McConnon, Bridy Clifford, Mary Webster, Ann Teahan, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time including, Bridget McNerney, Martin D’Sousa, William Casey and Roland Wijesinghe. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

**Parish Groups and Activities**

**Parents and Toddlers** Parents and Toddlers **Wednesdays**, 9.30am to 11.00am in the Parish Hall. Please bring your own mug/cup for refreshments and a floor blanket for your own child/ren. Thank you!

**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.**

**Infant Baptism** Participation in a short preparation course is required before celebrating the sacrament. For more information, please contact Anna preferably by e-mail initially. The next course will take place in January.

**First Communion** Children’s session **1st December**. via Zoom. This week ‘Peter’ Group.

**Confirmation** Sessions for candidates: **today,** ‘Fruits’ group; **5th Dec** ‘Fruits’ group, hopefully in person in the hall, tbc.

**Wanting to Know More about Being Catholic? (RCIA)** Please contact Anna before attending. Sessions continue on **Weds.** **1st Dec.,** 8.00pm for those already on the journey, offered in person and on Zoom.

**Charity Fundraiser Night Sat. 11th December –**in the church hal**l.** Food, bar, live music all in aid of EHID, Acton Homeless and Vincent de Paul, 7.00-7.30pm until 11.30pm. Tickets £10 from Steve Dempsey. All tickets purchased automatically entered into a raffle for a Luxury Hamper!!

**Synod 2023** All members of the local community are invited to share their thoughts and experiences in a variety of ways around the themes of communion, participation and mission in the coming weeks, and to come together to discern what God is saying to us. The reps for Northfields are Joseph Lo and Roisin Sullens.

Please continue to pray for the process by taking a prayer card home and praying for us all to be open to the Holy Spirit. For general information and resources go to the diocesan synod webpage <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod>

**‘Share Your Thoughts’ questionnaires** There is a box at the back of the church to post completed Share Your Thoughts questionnaires. Further physical copies are available; an online version is available using this link:  <https://forms.gle/7QD6intj6fEfTcE18>, also accessible using the QR code on the posters.

**Hosting small group conversations** To reach out further into the community, you are encouraged to hold small group listening meetings in the coming weeks with your friends, family and contacts who are willing to participate. Spend time with the *Participant Guide* (available at the back of the church as well as on the diocesan synod webpage), pencil times in diaries and feed your observations back using the box at the back of the church. You may find the documents *Hosting a simple one-to-one or small group conversation* and *Listening Deeply* particularly useful.  The *Participant Guide* could also be given out beforehand to those coming to your meetings, too.

**‘Listening Wall’** Visit the listening wall on the side of the church and read others’ – and put up your – thoughts and reflections to the questions!

**Parish Listening Event 7.30pm, Wednesday, 8 December**, Parish Hall, to which all will be welcome. We are needing help to co-organise and support this event and the wider parish programme during this period. Please register interest and any other queries by contacting the parish team or the reps. It has been great hearing interest and ideas from the parishioners, and we look forward to hearing more!  Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**Safeguarding** The Parish reps are Susie Worthington who can be contacted on northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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