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Sacraments and Devotions: Suspended until further notice.

Psalter Week 1 & 2



Holy Family & 2nd Sunday after Christmas Year C 26th December 2021 and 2nd January 2022

Readings:

This Week ((Holy Family Year C, *ad libitum*) Samuel 1:20-22; Ps. 83; 1 John 3:1-2; Luke 2:16-21)

Next Week (2nd Sunday after Christmas) Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12, Ps 147, Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18, John 1:1-18

Following Week (Baptism of the Lord Year C) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 28, Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3 15-16, 21-22

Message from Fr Jim

Dear Parishioners and friends of St Peter and St Paul's Northfields as I write this Christmas message to you we are facing to Omicron variant of the Virus.

The Christmas story has been celebrated for over 2,000 years in times of wars and conflicts, of plagues and pandemics, of natural disasters and uncertain times. The message is the same that God entered our fragile and broken world to bring light, hope, peace and joy where these are missing.



The hope is that whatever we are going through at this time we can still make Christmas a very special time and celebrate it as best we can in the circumstances with those we love and care for.

Christ entered our world to bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is despair, courage where there is fear, and love where there is conflict and division.

My wish for all of you is that you will have a blessed and happy Christmas, while staying safe and well. My thanks go out to all those in our parish who work in health care in any way, and all who have been volunteering to help vulnerable people during this Pandemic. Also, my sincere thanks to those in the parish who have volunteered to steward and clean the church during this time. You have enabled us to keep the church open and provide Masses and services through this time. May God bless you all for that commitment and dedication.

The fact that there is a booster jab now which will provide hope for a better outcome, should give us a sign that things will get better hopefully. Though it won't be overnight or immediately, we just have to be patient. With that in mind I wish you many blessings and peace and joy in the New Year for you and your families and loved ones. Keep safe and look after yourselves.

Fr Jim



Parish Office will be closed from 22nd December to 4th January. E-mails and phone messages will be monitored during this time. The next newsletter will appear on 9th January.

A New Year Reflection from Fr. Hilary:

The Mind Boggles!

A New Year inevitably makes us think of Time. Not long back there were 3 short articles on Time and Eternity in the newsletter. I wonder how many still have them! The Psalmist in his own unscientific but sound way tries to get a healthy perspective on Time when he prays: "In your eyes, Lord, a thousand years is just like one day."

Scientists believe that the Universe is 13.7 billion years in existence. Definitely mindboggling! The suggestion was made to reduce those 13.7 billion years in our imagination to one year to help us get a clearer insight. Below is the result and it sure helps us to get perspective! Note how Christ was born only 2 seconds before midnight on 31 December. And the first humans only 2 minutes to the same midnight. How we should have a constant sense of wonder but also be humbled before it all!

1 January	The Big Bang
7 February	The Milky way is born
14 August	The Earth is born
4 September	First life on the earth
15 December	The Cambrian explosion
31 December	19.00.00 First human ancestors
	23.58.00 First humans
	23.59.30 Age of agriculture
	23.59.47 The pyramids
	23.59.58 Jesus Christ is born
	23.59.59 Galileo is born
	24.00.00 Today

Attending Mass at this Time A reminder that face coverings must be worn (unless exempt) when attending Mass and to sanitise hands on entry. Thank you for your co-operation!

Crib Appeal Offerings for the crib are in aid of Catholic Children's Society.

CAFOD & DEC Emergency Afghanistan Appeal CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan or scan this QR code.



Needed: Warm winter coats and jackets for homeless men at The Passage. Please call Elizabeth Gowans on 0208 567 1415 for pick up. Many thanks.

Thank yous!

- to all who helped to celebrate Christmas: cleaners, flower arrangers, stewards, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, children who read the gospel and dressed up, volunteers who helped serve mulled punch and mince pies at the Carol Service, singers and musicians.
- to those who helped tidy up the grounds and made sure all the lights in church were working.

St Vincent de Paul The SVP would like to thank Mr Steve Dempsey for his very generous donation of £300 from the recent fundraiser which he organised in the parish hall. This money will support members of our parish community who need help at this time. In view of the pandemic, we were unable to host our annual Christmas lunch for our senior citizens. As soon as COVID permits, we look forward to hosting a get together in our parish welcoming back familiar faces! Meanwhile, we would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

EHID would similarly like to thank Steve for a donation of £400 towards their funds to help provide and arrange various activities with adults who have special needs in the parish.

Young CAFOD All of us at Young CAFOD would like to thank you for your generous donations at the family fast day in October. Together as a parish we managed to raise £1,730.75. This will be used by CAFOD to help those, such as Ivanilde who we talked about, suffering from the effects of climate change including those who struggle from water shortages, deforestation and violent cyclones across the world. We remember that it is the poorest of our world that suffer the most from climate change so it is our duty as a community to help them in any way we can. We look forward to your continued support. Have a Merry Christmas and may God bless you all for the New Year.

Collection for Fr Damian Thank you for your generosity for donating £1603.09 to help Fr Damian at this time in Nigeria.

Masses this Fortnight

Sunday 26th December (Holy Family Year C)

10.00am John & Sheila (Int.)

11.30am Alma & Ivan (Int.)

Monday 27th December (St John)

10.00am Tony (Int.)

Tuesday 28th December (Holy Innocents)

10.00am Thomas (Ann.) *Moved from 13/12/21*

Wednesday 29th December (St Thomas Becket)

9.30am Larry (LD.)

Thursday 30th December

No Mass

Friday 31st December (St Sylvester)

9.30am Liam (LD.) *Moved from 10/12/24*

Saturday 1st January (Mary, Mother of God)

12 Noon Nora & Geraldine (Ann.)

Sunday 2nd January (2nd Sunday Year C)

8.30am John & Edward and families

10.00am Michael (LD.)

11.30am Paddy (RIP)

Monday 3rd January (Most Holy Name of Jesus)

10.00am Maureen (LD.) and Padraig (Ann.)

Tuesday 4th January (Altar Servers Enrolment Mass)

6.00pm Brendan

Wednesday 5th January

10.30am Funeral Peter Magin *RIP*

Thursday 6th January (Epiphany)

9.30am Concetta (RIP)

6.00pm Brendan (LD.)

Friday 7th January (St Raymond Penafort)

9.30am Martin (LD.)

Saturday 8th January

No Morning Mass

Rest in Peace We pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Magin** whose requiem will be celebrated on **Wednesday 5th January at 10.30am**. The Mass Pa McAvinue has moved to 21st January 2022. **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, 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 Peter Magin, Larry Sullivan, Liam Callaghan, Michael Ashbee, Maureen Hickey, Brendan Shaughnessy and Martin Guidera and those whose anniversaries occur around this time including, Nora and Geraldine Lynch, Margaret Cronin, Andrew Timmons, Pa McAvinue, Anthony William Gunn and Margaret Frances Gunn.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

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. We congratulate Jaedon on achieving his Silver Medal for 10 years' service, presented on 26th December.

b) 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.

c) Stewards, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers over the Christmas Period For all services either please sign up on the lists in the sacristy or contact Anna via e-mail (northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk)

d) Music : Rehearsals for the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses will resume in the New Year. New musicians and singers of all ages always welcome to join. Watch this space for details!

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 Reconciliation, Communion and RCIA Sessions continue in the New Year whether in person or online depends on the Covid situation. **First Communion Helpers:** Meeting on **Weds. 5th January, 7.30pm**. Details will be sent by e-mail.

Getting Married in 2022? Six months' notice is required regardless of where the marriage is to take place. Attending a Catholic marriage preparation course is a requirement. Paperwork should be completed in the parish of domicile. More information available on the parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/sacramental-prep/marriage-preparation/>

Children's Liturgy A planning meeting is planned in the parish hall for **Sunday 9th January** after 10.00am Mass for anyone interested in being involved with Children's Liturgy in any way. At this time, it isn't possible to give a restart date but we would like to be ready to begin at the earliest opportunity. Thanks to those who have already come forward.

Safeguarding The Parish reps are Susie Worthington, northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk and Tracy Paterson northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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, and to come together to discern what God is saying to us. Thank you for posting your experience, reflections and thoughts on the Listening Wall and in the blue box, and also thank you for your prayers for the process. Please continue to do all these through Christmas and New Year – especially exploring with your friends and family to do so during this time. The Share Your Thoughts questions could still be completed and submitted online (<https://forms.gle/7QD6intj6fEftcE18>).

A Zoom Listening Event is being organised for 7.30pm to 9.00pm, Thursday 13 January. All are welcome – whether you went to the previous event or not. This is the only way of joining this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEud-CsrDltHdyCIF5dDFi3yv-gTmnmX8B6>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. This may go to your spam/junk/bulk folder, please check it until you receive it. Please read the information carefully.

Your synodal reps are Roisin Sullens and Joseph Lo: thank you for being in touch with them with your thoughts and queries. They look forward to hearing more from you.

Pastoral Letter Copies of Cardinal Vincent's Pastoral letter for the Feast of Holy Family are available this weekend.

Important Dates for January – July 2022

Below you will find some key dates for 2022

Details for all events will be given at the appropriate time.

January

- 1st *Mary, Mother of God;*
- 3rd *Bank Holiday*
- 6th *Epiphany*
- 9th *Baptism of the Lord*
Children's Liturgy meeting
Confirmation Preparation resumes
- 12th *First Reconciliation & Communion Preparation resumes*
- 13th *Parish Online Synod Listening Event, 7.30pm*
- 16th *Peace Sunday*
- 21st *Deadline for parish Synod submissions to the Diocese*
- 18th – 25th:
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 23rd *Sunday of the Word of God*
- 25th *Conversion of St Paul*

February

- 2nd *Presentation of the Lord*
- 4th *'First Sunday' coffee morning*
- 8th *Day for Victims of Trafficking*
- 11th *Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day for the Sick*
- 13th *Parish Mass with Anointing of the Sick, 2.30pm*
Racial Justice Sunday
- 19th *Pre-Synodal Diocesan Gathering, Westminster Cathedral*
- 27th *Day for the Unemployed*

March

- 2nd *Ash Wednesday*
- 4th *World Day of Prayer*
- 6th/7th *Rite Election, Westminster Cathedral (RCIA)*
- 11th *CAFOD Lent Fast Day; collection 13th*
- 17th *Feast of St Patrick*
- 19th *Feast of St Joseph*
- 25th *Feast of the Annunciation*
- 27th *Mothering Sunday*
British Summertime begins

Saturdays during March:

celebrations of First Reconciliation, dates tbc

April

- 10th *Palm Sunday*
- 14th *Holy Thursday*
- 15th *Good Friday*
- 16th *Holy Saturday*
- 17th *Easter Sunday*
- 26th *St George*
- 28th *Celebration of Confirmation, 10.00am & 2.30pm*
- 23rd *St George*

May

- 2nd *Bank Holiday*
- 8th *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*
- 26th *Ascension*
- 14th *First Communions, 2 Masses, times tbc*
- 21st *First Communions, 2 Masses, times tbc*

June

- 2nd -3rd *Jubilee Bank Holiday*
- 5th *Pentecost*
- 11th *Celebration of Confirmation, 2.00pm*
- 12th *Trinity*
- 19th *Corpus Christi*
- 23rd *Nativity of John the Baptist*
- 25th *Celebration of Confirmation 10.00am*
- 29th *Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul*

First Reconciliation & Communion 2022 application forms available

July

- 1st *Dedication of Westminster Cathedral*
- 10th *Sea Sunday*
- 23rd *Europe Day*

Making New Year's Resolutions? Looking for Volunteering Opportunities? Your parish community needs you! There are many roles to fill from helping children and adults along their faith journey to cleaning the church; from a weekly commitment to a couple of hours in a year. Information concerning current needs is posted from time to time in this newsletter. Please consider answering the call when the need arises! Additionally, if you have an idea for a new activity or group in the parish, please let us know