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

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

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2nd Sunday in Lent Year C

13th March 2022

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**Readings:**

**This Week** **(2nd Sunday in Lent)** Genesis 15:5-12, Ps 26:1, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36

**Next Week** **(3rd Sunday in Lent)** Exodus 3:1-8, Ps 102:1-4, Corinthians 10:1-6, Luke 13:1-9

Psalter Week 2

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**Reflection from Fr Hilary: Insights from Dr. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross (2)**

“The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, sensitivity and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness and a deep loving concern. **Beautiful people do not just happen.”**

Dr Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

**Comment:** Beauty – oh yes, a wonderful thing. I’m all for people getting dolled up in front of the mirror! But I’d like to say to them: you spend 100% of your time on the kind of beauty which is just skin-deep. Could you not give a mere 10% of it to fostering the kind of beauty which has real depth ie true beauty? I mean the beauty which builds up character and fosters the great virtues of costly Love, courage, unselfishness, self-sacrifice and compassion. As the quotation says – beautiful people don’t just happen. We have to do our part for the beauty **within**. Christ and his Gospel are very much about that kind of beauty. They really are. The skin-deep type of beauty is literally superficial. It doesn’t last in the short or long-term whereas this other kind is meant to keep growing right to the end of life and beyond. Deep down, **this** is the beauty we really admire. Tell the children.

*Please keep for reflection.*

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**Lent**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place, 8.30am – 9.15am, followed by Morning Prayer Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, throughout Lent (unless there is a funeral).

**Stations of the Cross** After Mass on Friday 25th March, 1st & 8th April, Wednesday 16th March.

**Lent Retreat ‘Encountering the Spirit’** Parishioners are invited to join those preparing to be initiated or received into the Church in prayer on Wednesday evenings, 7.45pm – 9.15pm, Parish Hall. All welcome.

**Faith Sharing (Small Groups) ‘Encountering the Spirit’** This Lent the resource has been produced by the Agency for Evangelisation team, and it is offered to encourage and enable the continuation of “spiritual conversations” begun during the parish listening phase of the diocesan synodal process Masses. Copies are available on the table at the back of the church. If you would like to meet as a group during the day, please contact Anna either by e-mail or by leaving a message with Rosa in the parish office.

**Rosary for Peace** will be held on **Monday 14th after 9.30am Mass.**

**Memorial Mass** There will be a memorial Mass for Janusz (John) Zielinski, on **19th March, at 3.00pm**. John was a long-time parishioner of Camborne Avenue and faithful member of Knights of St Columba, who died end of 2021 in Wolverhampton.

**Liturgical Ministries:**

**a) Altar Servers**  Please contact Deacon Andrew ([andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk))

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

**c) Music in Mass :** Rehearsals taking place in the church are as follows: for 10.00am, Thursday, 7.30pm ; 11.30am, , Wednesday, 7.30pm. New musicians and singers of all ages always welcome to join.

**d) Urgent!**. New volunteer church cleaners needed to give an hour or so once a week or less, to clean the benches and the floor. Please contact Rosa if you are willing to help as a matter of urgency.

**Safeguarding** The Parish reps are Susie Worthington, [northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) and Tracy Paterson [northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**Huge Thank You!** to all who supported the Afghanistan fundraiser last Friday night. A great night was had by all, raising £1002 on the night itself, £517 in donations and a £100 cheque from the Knights of St Columba. There’s around £600 to come from Just Giving. With the £2000 already sent to CAFOD’S Afghanistan Appeal we are on track to send them £4200 in total.

**Masses this week**

**Sunday 13th March (2nd Sunday of Lent Year C) Thursday 17th March (St Patrick)**

*(Sat.)* 6.00pm Des & Eithne Gorrell (Ann.) **No Mass**

8.30am Jimmy & Nuala Langton (Ann.)

10.00am Janusz Zielinski (LD.) **Friday 18th March (St Cyril of Jerusalem)**

11.30am Oliver Connell (Ann.) 11.00am Funeral Mass Joseph Atkinson *RIP*

6.00pmTom Hartnett (Ann.)

**Saturday 19th March** (St Joseph)

**Monday 14th March**  3.00pmMemorial Mass, Janusz Zielinski RIP

9.30am Stefan and Zofia Przybylski (Ann.)  **Sunday 20th March (3rd Sunday of Lent Year C)**

**Tuesday 15th March**  *(Sat.)* 6.00pm Michael Ashbee (LD.)

10.00am Funeral Mass Antonio Masella *RIP*8.30am Pat O’Neil (Ann.)

10.00am Joseph Atkinson (LD.)

**Wednesday 16th March**  11.30am Lorenzo Robinson (Ann.)

9.30am Ivan Martin Smith (Get Well) 6.00pm John Ryan (LD.)

**Rest in Peace** We pray for the repose of the souls of Antonio Marsella whose requiem will be celebrated on **Tuesday 15th March at 10.00am**. Joseph Atkinson whose requiem will be celebrated on **Friday 18th March at 11.00am.** The Mass for Paddy Gallagher has moved to **8th April 2022**. **These Masses 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, 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, Alice and Jerry O’Sullivan, Antonio Masella, Janusz Zielinski, Joseph Atkinson, Michael Ashbee and John Ryan and those whose anniversaries occur around this time including, Des and Eithne Gorrell, Jimmy and Nuala Langton, Oliver Connell, Tom Hartnett Stefan and Zofia Przybylski, Pat O’Neil and Lorenzo Robinson. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Catechetics (Sacramental Preparation)** Contact Anna initially on [northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** during 10am Mass. Liturgy is aimed at children aged 3 -7 (Nursery to Year 2). We currently have sufficient leaders but more helpers are needed for this ministry to run safely and in accord with Safeguarding guidelines. Please contact Anna as soon as possible. DBS checks processed by the diocese are required for this role. For more information, contact Anna

**First Communion** Sessions continue this week in person, Weds., Parish Hall, 6.00pm – 7.00pm, ‘Peter’ group.

**Confirmation** Continues today in person in the **Parish Hall** 4.00pm – 5.30pm, for ‘Gifts’ group.,

**RCIA (Becoming Catholic)** Sessions continue Weds. 16th March , 8.00pm, Parish Hall Please pray for our catechumens: Brian, Shiyun and Nathan and our candidates for reception, Alan, and Mick, as they prepare to celebrate the sacraments at Easter.

**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/>

**Ukraine** Please pray for peace in the war-torn country. The humanitarian crisis is likely to be long-term. A fundraising evet is being planned in the Parish Hall for after Easter. In the meantime, if you would like to make a contribution, please go to the CAFOD website or to HelpUkraine, organised by the UK Ukrainian churches and associations at <https://rb.gy/dcqgcc>

**Parish Parent & Toddler Group** Meets on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall,9.30am to 11.00am Please bring your own mug/cup for refreshments and a floor blanket for your own child/ren. Thank you!An additional volunteer leader is required. Please contact Rosa or Anna.

**Music Tots-** Would like to start up again. This is held on a Tuesday morning in the Parish Hall. In order for this to restart an additional volunteer is needed to help. Please contact Rosa or Anna.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5**th **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please send in to the parish office the following details by the end of March : husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day**  Appeal and collection this weekend. Contactless will be available.

**CAFOD’s Walk Against Hunger Lent Challenge**  Some of the Confirmation candidates are forming a team to achieve the total of 200k over Lent. The Community Walk initially planned for 26th March ha been postponed. To donate or to join the team go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/northfields-confirmation-challengers>. More information at <https://cafod.org.uk/>