 **Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Northfields**

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**Office Opening Hours Closed**

**Sacraments and Devotions:**

**Sacraments: on enquiry; devotions : suspended until further notice.**

**In case you are admitted to hospital........**

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

 Psalter week 3

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7th Sunday of Easter Year C

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Pentecost Year C

 Sunday 29th May & Sunday 5th June 2022

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**Readings for This Week (7th Sunday Easter)** Acts 7:55-60, Ps 96:1-2, Apocalypse 22:12-14, John 17:20-26

**Readings for Next Week (Pentecost Sunday)** Acts 2:1-11, Ps 103:1, Romans 8:8-17, John 14:15-16,23-26

**Readings for 12th June (The Most Holy Trinity)** Proverbs 8:22-31, Ps 8:4-9, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

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**Reflection from Fr. Hilary Facing the Struggles of Life with Meaning (3)**

A final piece. We come to a crucial aspect of suffering – Love. Love (top quality Love) is the most powerful thing which can shine the brightest light on the darkness of suffering. There are various ways of proving Love. Suffering is the most eloquent “language” of Love. The acid test of the quality of our Love is how much we are prepared to endure. Take the parents of a very ill child. They will stop at nothing but will endure endlessly because of their love for the child. Christ’s suffering loudly proclaims his love for God his Father and his love for all of us.

Now we reach the vital word in the title of this article – the word “meaning”. Jesus puts meaning into the seeming meaningless of Calvary. Or, put it another way, he brings meaning out of the meaninglessness. **This requires a lot of prayerful reflection – and often.** There’s no doubt that every human being cries out for meaning for their lives. You do. I do. Everyone does. Well, Jesus offers it to all. Love is the key. Love has a power that evil cannot match. Nothing less will do. St. Paul coined a wonderful phrase: “The foolishness of God”. That sounds highly disrespectful but not when you realise what he’s getting at. He is referring to God’s unconditional and boundless Love displayed on Calvary. To be **that** loving seems foolish to our human calculations. Then he adds “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.” Wow! Let’s get a grip.

***Please*** *do keep – as these truths are always urgent.*

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**Liturgical Ministries:**

**a) Altar Servers**  Please contact Deacon Andrew (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 this week. 11.30am Mass, Wednesday, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. 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.

**Offertory Envelopes** We still have envelopes waiting to be collected, please contact Rosa in the parish office to organise collection.

**CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day.** Thank you for your support for the Fast Day in March, for the work of CAFOD.  Along with your generosity in prayers, you have also been generous with your donation of £1,691.37. Please also join us in expressing warm gratitude to our amazing Young CAFOD members, who helped with preparing the church with envelopes and posters, staffing the collection baskets and telling you about CAFOD’s work in Sierra Leone during the Sunday Masses**.**

**Parish Office** will be closed from 30th May to 3rd June inclusive. Phone messages and e-mails will be responded to during that time at the earliest opportunity.

**Masses over the next Fortnight**

**Sunday 29th May (7th Sunday of Easter Year C) Sunday 5th June (Pentecost Year C))**

 6.00pm *(Sat.)* Denis O’Sullivan (Ann.) 6.00pm (Sat.) Noel O’Connell (LD.)

 8.30am Margaret (Peggy) Farrell (LD.) 8.30am (Sun.) Jack Conlon (RIP Ann.)

10.00am Kathleen Keane (LD) 10.00am Kathleen Keane (LD.)

11.30am Michael Kearney (LD.) 11.30am Peggy Farrell (LD.)

 6.00pmSeamus and Kathleen Deehan (Ann.) 6.00pm Michael McKeown (1st Ann.)

**Monday 30th May Monday 6th June (BVM, Mother of the Church)**

 9.30am Mr & Mrs Simon Simoes (Int.) 9.30am Mary Gibbons (LD).

**Tuesday 31st May (Visitation of BVM) Tuesday 7th June**

 6.00pm Anne O’Gorman (Int.) *Moved from 17/5/22* 6.00pm Mary MacDonell (LD.)

**Wednesday 1st June** (St Justin Martyr) **Wednesday 8th June**

 9.30am Kathleen Keane (LD) 9.30 Johan Hirth (Birth Ann.)

**Thursday 2nd June (Ss Marcellinus & Peter) Thursday 9th June (Our Lord Jesus Chris, Eternal King)**

 **No Mass**   **No Mass**

**Friday 3nd June (St Charles Lwanga & Co) (Bank Holiday) Friday 10th June**

10.00am Ivan Mahon-Smith (LD.) 9.30am Joan & Walter Doherty (50th Wedding Ann.)

**Saturday 4th June Saturday 11th June**

 **No Morning Mass** 2.00pm Confirmation Mass

**Prayers for the Sick** We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Doreen Foley, Vera Zunzic, Anna Keane, Barbara Lennon Snr, Teresa Hartnett, Stephania Pullin, Geraldine Davison, Dave Mortby, Cerys Edwards, Andrew Chandiram,, 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 souls of Teresa Armour, Bridie Fitzgerald, John Moriarty, Noel O’Connell, Mary Gibbons, Mary MacDonell and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Denis O’Sullivan, Seamus and Kathleen Deehan, Jack Conlon, Johan Hirth, Paddy Grilly, Rose Burke and Eileen Nicholas. 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 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, term time. 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 & Confirmation 2023**  Information regarding applications will be available in the next newsletter.

**Confirmation** Please pray for the candidates as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament on 11th June (22 candidates), and 25th June (32 candidates.)

**RCIA (Becoming Catholic)** We pray for Nathan who will be initiated into the Church on Sunday 12th June during the 11.30am Mass.

**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/>

**Catechists** There is a need to build up a bank of volunteer catechists to serve across the age range. In order to equip new volunteers well with formation, training and support, it is desirable that we know before the Summer break, who may be interested in this particular and most important ministry of guiding and accompanying candidates along their sacramental journey and deepening their relationship with Christ. Theology degrees not required! If you would like to know more, please contact Anna to arrange a chat at a mutually convenient time. Training will be arranged for early September in various areas of catechesis. Further details available soon.

**Ealing Soup Kitchen: Mondays 6-8pm** for Takeaway hot meal, clothes, barber at Salvation Army Hall, 6 Leeland Road, W13 9HH**. Fridays 1-1.30pm** Refreshments, clothes, barber and showers, at St Johns Mattock Lane and **Saturdays & Sundays 3.30-5pm** Hot meal and Fellowship also at St Johns Mattock Lane.

**London Irish Centre Social Groups** Local groups: Monday: The Hobbayne Centre, 45, Lower Boston Road, W7 2 HB; Thursday: Ealing Central United Bowls Club, Craven Road, W5 2UA. Both take place 1.00pm – 3.00pm. All are welcome. Volunteers needed – contact Maria on 020 7428 2079 or Joe on 07947 120569.

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