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Office Opening Hours: 10.30am to 2.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Sacraments and Devotions:

Sacraments: on enquiry; devotions: Rosary after morning weekday Mass.

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 4

28th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C Sunday 9th October 2022

Readings for This Week (28th Sunday Year C) Kings 5:14-17, Ps 97:1-4, Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19 Readings for Next Week (29th Sunday Year C) Exodus 17:8-13, Ps 120, Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

Reflection from Fr. Hilary – The Best Approach to Death (3)

Death as Communion: For the Christian, the death of Christ is bound up with our death. Our death is one with his. There is a true sense in which we died with him on Calvary and he dies in us when we die. This signifies a deep communion with the Lord. In the Mass our Holy Communion is a communion in the dying and rising of Our Lord. Our physical death is a completion of this. Also the daily 'dyings' we all have prepare us for that final death which crowns them. Our Holy Communion also **expresses and deepens** our continued union, in Christ, with the departed in the Communion of Saints – as well as with each other still on earth.

Death as Healing: This sounds odd since death is such a disintegration! But, as shown in Parts 1 and 2, the whole thing has been transformed by Christ. From being, literally, a dead-end, death has been made into a gateway into a rich fulfilment of life and that surely is superb healing. Anyway, who wants this very imperfect and taxing earthly life forever? Accepting death with serenity, which Christ offers – what a healing that is. All this however, doesn't deny the fact that our death is tough for all of us. it is a cross but one with the Lord's victorious cross.

Death as liberation: This surely follows once death is seen as leading to rich communion and healing. The Death and Resurrection of Christ is profound liberation for us all as the riches of his salvation are constantly offered to us. "If the Son sets you free, you will have true freedom." He liberates us from despair and undue fear. A sound acceptance of death demands a mature, unselfish acceptance of life. Selfish self-centredness panics before death and is a slavery, the opposite of liberation. Many people sadly make themselves slaves in their wrong outlook on death. "As a man lives so shall he die."

Please keep for prayerful reflection

Liturgical Ministries:

- **a)** Altar Servers New recruits required. Anyone eligible who has celebrated First Communion. Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk) Training session Tuesday 11th October
- **b)** Music in Mass: Rehearsals as follows: 11.30am: Weds and 10.00am on Thurs. Both rehearsals begin at 7.30pm in the church. Entrance on Wednesdays, via the parish office on Felton Road. New musicians and singers of all ages always welcome to join.
- **c)** Readers and Eucharistic Ministers We need to increase the numbers exercising these ministries. For more information or to express an interest, please contact Anna or Deacon Andrew. (This includes young readers i.e. Post-First Communion upwards.) A new rota covering the period up to Christmas only is now available for collection from the sacristy..

Secondary Transfer Forms and Sixth Form Applications Fr Jim will be available to sign forms on Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th Oct between 5pm and 7pm. This is the last time for Secondary Transfer. No appointment necessary. Should you require copy baptism certificates, please e-mail Rosa at northfields@rcdow.org.uk with name of child, date of birth and approximate date of baptism. There will be further opportunities for 6th Form form signing later in the month.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day . Appeal and collection will take place at all Masses this weekend.

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

Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place today at 2.30pm, in the church, followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

Masses this week

Sunday 9th October (28th Sunday Year C)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Denis Fitzgerald (Ann.) 8.30am Carol Greenan (Get Well.)

10.00am People of the Parish

11.30am John Booker (Ann.)

.2.30pm Anointing of the Sick

6.00pm Eileen Lally (LD.)

Monday 10th October (St Paulinus of York; St Denis & Co 9.30am Mr & Mrs Stuart Simoes & Fam (St John Leonardi)

Tuesday 11th October (St John XXIII, Pope.)

6.00pm

Wednesday 12th October (St Wilfrid)

9.30am Muriel Wookey (Ann)

Thursday 13th October (St Edward the Confessor), No Mass

Friday 14th October (St Callistus)

9.30am Mary Teresa Crowley (LD.)

Saturday 15th October (St Teresa of Jesus) No Morning Mass

Sunday 16th October (29th Sunday Year C)

(Sat) 6.00pm Marek Rybowicz (LD.)

8.30am Ann Gahan (Int.) 10.00am People of the Parish

11.30am

6.00pm Jadwiga Treszka (Ann.)

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Aimi McEwan, 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 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 Eileen Lally, Mary Teresa Crowley and Marek Rybowicz and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Denis Fitzgerald, John Booker, Mauriel Wookey, and Jadwiga Treszka. 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 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 Reconciliation and Communion 2023 Children's session for 'Peter' group takes place **Weds. 12th October,** 6.00pm for 6.15pm start, in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2023 Preparation for Confirmation is open to young people who are be in Years 9 to 11. Next session will be for 'Gifts' group, **Sun. 16**th **October**, 4.00pm to 5.30pm, Parish Hall. Anyone older than Year 11 (age16), please contact Anna to discuss possibilities.

Thinking of Becoming Catholic? Or would like to know more about the Catholic faith? For more information on how to go about this, please contact Anna to arrange an informal chat in the first instance.

Catechists urgently needed to serve across the age range. Volunteers, who may be interested in this particular and most important ministry should please contact Anna if you would like to know more and to arrange a chat at a mutually convenient time. Theology degrees not required!

Parent and Toddler Group Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11am, in the Parish Hall, more volunteers needed to help run the group. Please contact Rosa or Anna in the parish office.

'Second Sunday' Coffee mornings Today The Second Sunday cafe is-open again today from 9-11.30am. All welcome to the church hall for bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and cake after 8.30 Mass, after 10am and before 11.30 Mass. We look forward to meeting up as the church community again!

Autumn Faith Sharing 'The Journey We Share' will be available soon. The season is due to begin 23rd October, running for 5 weeks. It explores over five sessions some of the emerging themes of our recent Synodal Pathway. It will take us a few steps further along the road of becoming and remaining a Synodal Church. The current house groups are unable to accommodate new members. If you would like to host a group, or be part of a group, please contact Anna in the first instance. There is a possibility of a group being held in the parish hall after morning Mass on a Monday or Friday. This would need a leader. To read what this involves go to

https://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/faith/sharing%20faith%20in%20a%20small%20community.pdf

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