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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 3

4th Sunday of Advent (Year A) Sunday 18th December 2022

Readings for This Week (4th Advent Year A) Isaiah 7:10-14, Ps 23:1-6, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

Readings for Next Week (Christmas Day Year A)

Reflection from Fr. Hilary: What Kind of Giving is Christmas all about?

I would ask you to spend time slowly reflecting on the words below by Khalil Gibran. They will do you a power of good – honest! It Challenges us to genuine, quality Love.

"Speak to us of Giving.

And he answered:

"You give but little when you give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

For what are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow?

And tomorrow, what shall tomorrow bring to the over-prudent dog burying bones in the trackless sand as he follows the pilgrims to the holy city?

There are those who give little of the much which they have – and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.

And there are those who have little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and their coffer is never empty.

There are those who give with joy and that joy is their reward.

And there are those who give with pain and that pain is their baptism.

But there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue.

They give as in yonder valley, the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth."

Good stuff!

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the souls of: **John Leo Timmins** whose body will be brought to the church **Sunday 18th December at 7.00pm**, and requiem will be celebrated on **Monday 19th at 11.00am**.

Mary Connell whose requiem will be celebrated on **Tuesday 20th at 10.30am**.

These Masses replace the Masses of the day.

Celebrating Advent and Christmas

1. Exposition and Morning Prayer. Exposition, 8.30am; Morning Prayer 9.15am, Wednesday only this week.

2. Christmas Eve Masses Sign up lists for readers and actors in the sacristy. Rehearsal for 5pm Mass will take place on **Monday, 19th**, at 4.30pm, in the church.

3. Christmas Services Details of Christmas services available on a separate leaflet available from the back of the church. Also, available on the website and via a QR code. See posters in the church.

4. Christmas Flower Workshop will take place in the parish hall **Christmas Eve** from 10.00am. Greenery needed for the Christmas arrangements: holly, ivy, leylandii, eucalyptus, pittisporum, choisia, laurel, anything that can be safely trimmed from garden shrubs! Please bring to the church car park, near the garage, on 22nd/23rd December. Thank you! Why not take a look at the 'Sustainable Flower Workshop' display in church to see how the Flower Group and working towards sustainability.

Liturgical Ministries:

a) Altar Servers New recruits required. Anyone eligible who has celebrated First Communion. Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk) The next training session will be in January, please check newsletter for dates.

b) Music in Mass : Rehearsals as follows: For 11.30am: Weds. 7pm this week and for 10.00am Thurs., 7.30pm, both rehearsals take place in the church. Entrance on Wednesdays, via the parish office on Felton Road. New musicians and singers of all ages always welcome to join.

Masses this week

Sunday 18th December (4th Sunday of Advent Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Peter Magin (1st Ann.)
8.30am Sheila, Anend & Family (Int.)
10.00am Annette & Family (Int.)
11.30am Kathleen Donoghue (Int.)
6.00pm Tommy & Alan Hartnett (Ann.)

Monday 19th December

11.00am *Funeral* John Leo Timmins *RIP*

Tuesday 20th December

10.30am *Funeral* Mary Connell *RIP*

Wednesday 21st December (St Peter Canisius~)

9.30am Andrew Timmons (Ann.)

Thursday 22nd December

No Mass

Friday 23rd December (St John Kanty)

9.30am Peter & Imelda Grendon (100th Birth Ann & Wed Ann.)

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

5.00pm Mary and Pat Foley (Int.)
7.00pm Eileen Walsh (1st Ann.)
9.00pm Patsy Flannery (Int.)

Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day Year A)

8.30am Geraldine & Pat O'Sullivan (Int.)
10.00am Martin Londra (Ann.)
11.30am John & Sheila Forde (Int.)

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Elizabeth Gowans, 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 All those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Peter Magin, Tommy and Alan Hartnett, Andrew Timmons, Peter and Imelda Grendon, Eileen Walsh and Martin Londra. 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.**

Catechists Needed We urgently need catechists and helpers for First Communion and Confirmation to begin as soon as possible. Contact Anna for details.

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. Next one takes place in January.

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 Sessions resume in the New Year, beginning with a parents' meeting on **Weds. 11th January**, 6.30pm, Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2023 Sessions resume in the New Year on **Sun. 8th Jan** for 'Gifts' group.

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. Meetings will begin in January.

Getting Married? Please note that at least 6 months' notice is required wherever your marriage is taking place. For further initial information, please go to: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/sacramental-prep/marriage-preparation/>

Catechist Training Sessions Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish Centre, Acton. Please register with Warren at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk. **Sat. 7th Jan.**, Children's Liturgy, 10am – 1pm. Information outlining the content of this session can be found at <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/evangelisation-events/>

Liturgical Ministries (cont.):

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.) Next reader training session: **Mon 9th January, 6.30pm** in the church.

New Rota Please let Anna know of your availability between January and Easter preferably by e-mail (northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk 07787 048144 or texting). The new rota will begin on 15th January and be available on 8th.

London Irish Social Group- New location in the Parish hall here at St Peter and Paul. **Thursdays at 1.30pm to 4pm.** Everyone Welcome. Closed now for Christmas and will restart **Thursday 12th January.** Contact Marie Connolly or Mary Whelan-O'Neill on 07592508682.

Caritas Volunteer Recruitment To give parishioners the opportunity to give back and to cultivate a sense of purpose.; To build on diversity, inclusion and belonging in parishes; To help more people access the Eucharist; To welcome visitors and new arrivals; To reach out to those who feel disengaged or left out, **Thursday 26th January 2023, 11:30 - 12:30 (online).** Find out more here: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/recruiting-parish-volunteers-in-2023-1445.php>

The Parish Office – will be closed from **Wednesday 21st December** until **Wednesday 4th January.**

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