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Office Opening Hours Mon – Weds. & Fri, 10.30am – 2.30pm. Closed Thursdays.
Sacraments and Devotions: Suspended until further notice.

Psalter Week 1 & 2



Christmas Day & Mary Mother of God Year A 25th December 2022 and 1st January 2023

Readings:

This Week Christmas Day Samuel 1:20-22; Ps. 83; 1 John 3:1-2; Luke 2:16-21

Next Week (Mary Mother of God) Numbers 6:22-27, Ps 66:2-3, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

Following Week (Baptism of the Lord Year A) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 28, Acts 10:34-38, Matthew 3:13-17

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 a cost of living crisis and a prolonged war in Ukraine which has affected, and continues to affect, us all in some way

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.



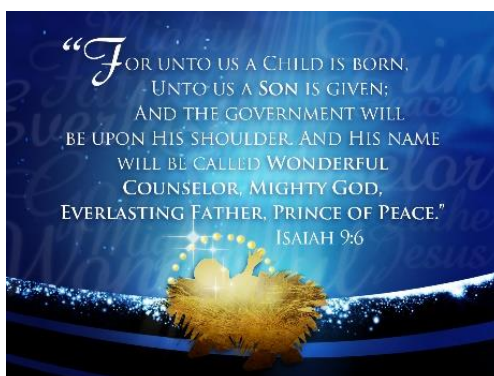
The hope is that whatever we are going through at this time we can still make Christmas a very special time and celebrate it as best we can in the circumstances with those we love and care for.

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 and social care in any way, and all who have been volunteering to help vulnerable people.

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



A Message from Fr. Hilary: For 2023

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
May the Lord uncover his face on you
And give you his peace

Book of numbers, Chapter 6

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

Liturgical Ministries:

a) Altar Servers Recruitment of new servers is ongoing. Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk). Training sessions in the church continue in the New Year

b) Ministry of Welcome For weekend Masses and special celebrations (eg First Communions and Confirmations, Easter and feasts), please consider if you and/or your family would like to be involved in this important role.

c) Welcome, 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)

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 (or texting 07787 048144). The new rota will begin on 15th January and be available on 8th.

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!

Thank yous!

- to all who helped to celebrate Christmas: flower arrangers, stewards, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, children who dramatised the gospel and dressed up, readers at all the services, music ministry,
- volunteers who helped serve mulled punch and mince pies at the Carol Service, singers and musicians. readers and EHID.
- to those who helped erect the cribs and Christmas tree.

To Confirmation Candidates

A special note of thanks goes to the group of around 12 young men who have helped in preparations for the Carol Service and Christmas services: decorating the Christmas tree, arranging the candles in the church, serving as meeters and greeters, setting up, serving and washing up at the Carol Service. Their willingness and helpfulness are a credit to themselves, their families and this parish.

For your Generosity

A huge thank you to all of you for your generous financial giving to special appeals and fundraisers since September : Ukraine fundraiser, CAFOD Harvest and Pakistan, farewell gift for Fr Matthew and the White Fathers, Sick and Retired Priests of the diocese and Acton Homeless Concern/Ealing Food bank. You have donated over £5000, over and above your continued weekly offerings.

Parents and Toddlers Wednesdays (term time) 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' Monthly Coffee mornings Sunday 8th January from 9-11.30 am. All welcome to the church hall for bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and cake and craft for the children after 8.30 Mass, after 10am and before 11.30 Mass. Please contact Jonny.sullens@futurenet.com if you would like to help by making a cake or helping to serve for an hour. We look forward to regularly meeting up as the church community again!

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

Reception and Sixth Form Applications Fr Jim will be available to sign forms **on certain days during a week at the beginning of January**. Look and listen out for details 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. No appointments necessary.

Do you have an interest in Catholic Schools? Want to see them maintain high standards? If so, you could play a part by acting as a Foundation Governor. Mount Carmel is in need of 4 such governors. An outline of what is involved is available on a sheet at the back of the church; more detailed Information available on the school website <https://www.mountcarmel.ealing.sch.uk/vacancies/>, or on the Diocesan website www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/serving-as-a-governor.

Parish Office will be closed from 21st December to 4th January. E-mails and phone messages will be monitored during this time. The next newsletter will appear on 8th January.

Masses this Fortnight

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.)

Monday 26th December (St Stephen) Bank Holiday

10.00am Eileen Hannigan (Int.)

Tuesday 27th December (St John) Bank Holiday

10.00am Mickie Preston (LD.)

Wednesday 28th December (Holy Innocents)

9.30am Maureen Porter & Family (Int.)

Thursday 29th December (St Thomas Becket)

No Mass

Friday 30th December (Holy Family)

9.30am Patrick & Patrick Vincent Fitzgerald (Ann.)

Saturday 31st January

No Mass

Sunday 1st January (Mary, Mother of God Year A)

10.00am Kathleen Keane (RIP) moved from 19/12/22

12 noon Maureen Cahilin (Birthday)

Monday 2nd January (Sts Basil & Gregory Nazianzen) Bank Holiday

10.00am The Jamieson Family (Int.)

Tuesday 3rd January (Most Holy Name of Jesus)

6.00pm Tom Mullarkey (LD)

Wednesday 4th January

9.30am Brendan O'Brien (Ann.)

Thursday 5th January

No Mass

Friday 6th January (Epiphany)

9.30am Mrs Alma Mahon Smith (Int.)

6.00pm Kevin Galvin (LD)

Saturday 7th January (St Raymond of Penyafort)

No Morning Mass

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 We pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Spillane, John McDermott, Eileen Murray, Mikie Preston, Tom Mullarkey and Kevin Galvin and those whose anniversaries occur around this time including, Martin Londra, Patrick & Patrick Vincent Fitzgerald, Kathleen Keane, Maureen Cahilin, and Brendan O'Brien. 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. The next course will take place in January.

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! Volunteers needed not just for the present but looking ahead to September. Part of the process involves a DBS check which can take time. This is needed **before** any programme of preparation begins. Also, to be able to have some level of confidence in sharing your faith, some basic formation will be offered, details to follow in the near future.

Formation of Catechists and Lay Parish Ministers For anyone who wishes to deepen their knowledge of the faith in a more formal way, the Agency for Evangelisation in partnership with Westminster Education Service, offers a 2-year, part time study course, The Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies (CCRS). For some general information go to <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/events-courses/ccrs/> The total cost is £400. The Agency offers a bursary of up to 50%. For details contact Anna Dupelycz at annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

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 Sessions continue in the New Year . Parents' Meeting, **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 Short Course 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/>

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

Important Dates for January - July 2023

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;*
- 2nd *Bank Holiday*
- 3rd *Bank Holiday*
- 6th *Epiphany*
- 8th *Baptism of the Lord*
Children's Liturgy resumes
'Second Sunday' Coffee Morning
Confirmation Preparation resumes
- 11th First Communion Preparation resumes
- 15th *Peace Sunday*
- 16th Parish Finance Committee Meeting
- 18th – 25th:
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 22nd *Sunday of the Word of God*
- 25th *Conversion of St Paul*
- 30th Parish Liturgy Planning Meeting

February

- 2nd *Presentation of the Lord*
- 8th *Day for Victims of Trafficking*
- 11th *Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day for the Sick*
- 12th 'Second Sunday' coffee morning
Parish Mass with Anointing of the Sick, 2.30pm
- 22nd *Ash Wednesday*
- 25th Rite of Election, Westminster Cathedral
- 26th *First Sunday of Lent*

March

- 3rd *CAFOD Lent fast day*
- 4th Celebration of First Reconciliation, 12 to 2pm
- 5th *CAFOD Lent Fast Day; collection*
- 11th Celebration of First Reconciliation, 12 to 2pm
- 17th *Feast of St Patrick*
- 18th Celebration of First Reconciliation, 12 to 2pm
- 19th *Mothering Sunday*
- 20th *Feast of St Joseph*
- 25th *Feast of the Annunciation*
- 26th *British Summertime begins*

April

- 2nd *Palm Sunday*
- 6th *Holy Thursday*
- 7th *Good Friday*
- 8th *Holy Saturday*
Flower Arranging Worksop
- 9th *Easter Sunday*
- 24th *St George*

May

- 1st *Bank Holiday*
- 6th *Coronation of the King*
- 8th *Bank Holiday*
- 9th *Day of Prayer for victims and survivors of sexual abuse*
- 13th First Holy Communion, 10.30am & 2.30pm
- 18th *Ascension*
- 20th First Holy Communion, 10.30am & 2.30pm
- 28th *Pentecost*
- 29th *Bank holiday*

June

- 4th *Trinity*
- 11th *Corpus Christi*
Going Forth Mass, First Communions, 2.30pm
- 16th *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
- 24th *Nativity of John the Baptist*
- 29th *Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul*

First Reconciliation & Communion 2022 application forms available

July

- 1st Confirmations, 10.30am & 2.00pm
Dedication of Westminster Cathedral
- 9th *Sea Sunday*
Day of Ruby Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Jim
- 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.

RCIA – FORMING NEW DISCIPLES – A Day for RCIA Catechists & Clergy Saturday 4th February 2023
10.00am-3.00pm; Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN . Please book via email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

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 our more here: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/recruiting-parish-volunteers-in-2023-1445.php>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 Next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from 21st to 28th July 2023. Please visit the Pilgrimages page on the Diocesan Website and complete an Expression of Interest Form !
<https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

Social Prescribing Service Do you have a social problem that is affecting your health or a health problem that is affecting you socially? If so, please speak to your GP, who will be able to refer to their Social Prescribing (SP) Service. An SP service is a holistic service that finds out what matters to you, to help you work on your specific goals. For further information please have a look at this video <https://youtu.be/O9azfXNcqD8> and please also ask the staff at your surgery, who may be able to give you the service leaflet for your local SP service.