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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

4th Sunday in Lent (Year A) (Laetare Sunday) Sunday 19th March 2023

Readings for This Week (4th Lent) Samuel 16:1, Ps 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1

Readings for Next Week (5th Lent) Ezekiel 37:12-14, Ps 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Reflection from Father Hilary. Money – Right and Wrong Attitudes (5

MONEY TALKS. This is the title of a catchy song by Neil Diamond. It sure does and far too loudly! Indeed, it shouts like mad. Well, shout it down! It talks of misuse of power, it talks silly prestige, it talks selfishness, it talks condescension, it talks false security, it talks injustice to the underdog. Make it talk truth instead of lies, justice instead of exploitation, love instead of heartlessness. In doing that it will talk its due weight – not the false undue weight it talks through too many mouths!

MONEY AND WORK

It is being narrow and shallow when some people say they work **merely** for money. And to be a workaholic just for money is a disease. Work, all work, should be seen as partaking in God's ongoing work of Creation. This is a wonderful privilege and responsibility. It is a vital part of our whole lives. Rightly seen, all work is creating, all work is to serve the Creator and within all that, to serve the needs of His people and so help to promote their development in one way or another. So work should be seen as something of great dignity and not just as something I've got to do unfortunately to get money. Otherwise, people won't possess an inner peace regarding work and so remain frustrated. How many are convinced about this? Work enhances. It enriches. Let's get rid of a superficial and degrading attitude. Don't let your understanding of the cost of **living** degenerate into the cost of **consuming!** And there is no such thing as menial work. I hate it when that word menial is applied to certain kinds of work. Under God, **ALL** work has great dignity. To the Carpenter of Nazareth ALL work is precious. Some people would say to me after all that: Oh you poor, simple, unsophisticated soul! Well, thank God I'm not sophisticated!

Please keep for prayerful reflection

Lent

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before morning Masses, 8.15am.

2. Faith-Sharing Booklets available from the back of the church for use in groups or as individuals. Donation of £4 is encouraged, payable in the 'Catholic Papers' wall box.

3. Christian Meditation- prayer of the heart Would you like to learn to meditate in Lent? Come along and join us in the Parish Hall on Monday evenings, 8pm-9pm. OR go on line on Wednesdays from 7-8.30pm, To find out about the on line course, visit www.meditatiocentrelondon.org or ring 020 7278 2070. See the poster in the Church porch for more details.

4. Stations of the Cross After morning Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.

5. Music for Holy Week Rehearsals for 11.30am Palm Sunday and Easter Vigil, Wednesdays in Lent 7.30pm – 8.15pm; for 10.00am Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Thursdays, 7.30pm. All welcome.

6. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Meet and Greet for Holy Week and up to 16th April: please sign up on the list in the sacristy available from this weekend.

7. Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross There will be an initial meeting for anyone wishing to take part on **Mon. 20th March**, 4.30pm in the church to make arrangements for rehearsals. Sign-up list now in the sacristy.

8. Holy Week and Easter Services Leaflets containing the details of services are available from the back of the church.

9. Easter Flower Workshop will take place on **Sat, 8th April**, 10.00am in the Parish Hall. More details next week.

Liturgical Ministries:

a) Altar Servers New recruits required. Anyone eligible who has celebrated First Communion. Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk)

b) Eucharistic Ministers Formation session for new and existing ministers on **Sat, 1st April**. Time TBC.

c) Readers Next young reader training session **20th March. at 6.30pm** in the church.

Masses this week

Sunday 19th March (4th Lent Year A)(Mother's Day)

(Sat.) 6.00pm 00pm Lorenzo Robinson (Ann.)

8.30am Helen Gahan (Ann.)

10.00am Mamie O'Brien (LD.)

11.30am Wasyl & Italia Dupelycz (Ann.)

6.00pm Paul O'Neill (Ann.)

Monday 20th March (St Joseph)

11.00am *Funeral* Michael Gilroy *RIP.*

Tuesday 21st March

6.00pm Tom Hartnett (Ann.)

Wednesday 22nd March

9.30am Pat O'Neill (Ann.)

Thursday 23rd March (St Turibius of Mogrovejo)

No Mass

Friday 24th March

9.30am Mary & Stan Worthy (Ann.)

Saturday 25th March (Annunciation of the Lord)

No Morning Mass

Sunday 26th March (5th Lent Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Charles Merritt (Ann.)

8.30am Brid Kelly (LD.)

10.00am Jeronimo Fernandes (Ann.)

11.30am Mr & Mrs Patrick Owens (Int.)

6.00pm Martin McNelis (LD.)

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Aimi McEwan, Doreen Foley, 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, M.S., Margaret Adu, Therese Biks, Shantha Kumari, Sagundala Devi, Victor Young, Ernst Barroclough, Claire Bradnum, Giuseppe Iannotta, 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: Mamie O'Brien, Nelly O'Sullivan, Brid Kelly and Martin McNelis. All those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Lorenzo Robinson, Helen Gahan, Paul O'Neill, Wasyl & Italia Dupelycz, Tom Hartnett, Pat O'Neill, Mary & Stan Worthy, Charles Merritt and Jeronimo Fernandes. 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). Volunteers required. Please contact Anna for further information.

First Reconciliation and Communion 2023 Parents' meeting **Weds. 22nd**, 6.00pm for 6.15 start, Parish Hall. 'Retreat afternoon for parents and children **Sat. 25th**, 3-4.30pm, Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2023 Next session for 'both groups, **Sun 26th**, 4.00pm for 4.15pm start, in the Parish Hall.

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. Next meeting **Mon. 20th March, 7.30pm – 8.30pm**, Parish House.

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/>

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Gilroy, whose requiem will be celebrated on **Monday 20th March at 11.00am**. This replaces the Mass of the day. No Exposition that day The Mass for Gabriel Smullen has moved to 31/3/23

Music in Mass : Rehearsals as follows: For 11.30am Mass Weds. 8.15pm – 9.00pm and for 10.00am Thurs., 7.30pm. Both 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.

Parent and Toddler Group has changed to Stretch and Movement for Mums and preschool children **Wednesdays (term time) from 10.am to 11am**, in the Parish Hall and time for a hot drink and chat afterwards.

London Irish Social Group- Parish hall, **Thursdays at 10am to 1pm, 23rd March** celebrating Mother's Day, Guitarist Sean, singalong, buffet and special Mother's Day prizes, flowers and candles. Everyone Welcome. Contact Marie Connolly or Mary Whelan-O'Neill on 07592508682.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Sat. 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this celebration all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. Please send into the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Deadline for submitting details: 30th March.

Vacancies For details of posts available around the diocese, go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

RN's required FULL or PART time for a small local nursing home in W13. Please email your interest to: hopleyleo@googlemail.com

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