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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

15th Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A) Sunday 16th July 2023

Readings for This Week (15th Sunday Year A) Isaiah 55:10-11, Ps 64:10-14; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:21-23

Readings for Next Week (16th Sunday Year A) Wisdom 12:13, Ps 85:5-6; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Reflection from Fr. Hilary: Authority: Seeking the Right Kind (3)

Picture Jesus at his trial, standing erect with great dignity. Pilate, the religious and civic leaders and the crowd were all domineering. But they were the ones really on trial. Christ towered over them. He displayed Authority, they could only manage authoritarianism. He allowed himself to be the victim of the abuse of Authority.

Think of the many people down the centuries who followed the Lord in opposing tyrants who abused Authority. In our own time we have the outstanding example of Nelson Mandela who, with his wonderful magnanimity, forgiveness, lack of rancour or hatred, exemplified Authority so powerfully over against the appalling authoritarianism of the perpetrators of apartheid with its terrible wickedness, injustice and degradation. What Authority indeed! The point is that all of us should be promoting such genuine authority in our own dealings with people by adopting his attitudes, which were the attitudes of Christ himself. We should all be doing that at home, at work, in recreation and social life, in business and political life, in Church life.

True humility is the key. True humility is powerful strength of the greatest kind. It is the arrogant Ego which is weak and indeed despicable. Bullying is a particular pathetic form of weakness which the perpetrator stupidly regards as strength. Humility inevitably results in a supreme sense of Justice, Respect and Love being manifested to others. Genuine Authority indeed! Let's go for it.

A final tailpiece: Authority which removes itself from the tough situations of ordinary people can never hope to ask the right questions let alone answer them!

Please keep for prayerful reflection

Message from Fr Jim Well what a weekend that was! Without a doubt I will never forget my Ruby Jubilee celebrations. It was all the more special to me because I was celebrating here in Northfields where I have been Parish Priest for 15 years. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all who came to the celebrations on Friday and Saturday evenings, and the Coffee morning all Sunday morning, it was wonderful to see you all and meant so much to me.

Thank you to all who helped set up the parish hall for Friday and Saturday nights, and to those who helped with the coffee morning on Sunday and those who tidied up after each event. A special thanks to One Night Only for the brilliant entertainment on Friday evening. Very much appreciated.

Also, I want to express my gratitude to those who brought food to share on Saturday evening, for your very kind gifts and cards and expressions of support which mean so much to me. For those who came to the Mass of Thanksgiving, and those who took part in the ministries of Word, Eucharist and Music.

May God bless you and pour out his love, peace and joy on you always. May the community life of this parish flourish and grow stronger, and may we as a faith community, continue to witness to the Gospel message as faithful witnesses of Christ's love for all people, so that all may feel welcomed and valued, whatever their age or background, and contribute to the life of the parish.

Continue to pray for me and my ministry here in Northfields and be assured of my prayers for all of you.

Fr Jim's Message & Memory Book For anyone who missed the celebrations, there is a book for you to leave messages and/or memories in the sacristy. It will remain there for a couple of weeks.

Safeguarding The Parish reps are Susie Worthington, northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk and Tracy Paterson northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk for any matters relating to Safeguarding, including DBS.

Masses this week

Sunday 16th July (15th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Mary Nugent (LD.)

8.30am People of the Parish

10.00am People of the Parish

11.30am Charles Moore (LD.)

6.00pm People of the Parish

Monday 17th July

9.30am Rose McGee (Birth Ann.)

Tuesday 18th July

6.00pm

Wednesday 19th July

9.30am Frank Faulkner (Birth Ann.)

Thursday 20th July (St Apollinaris)

No Mass

Friday 21st July

9.30am Bridie Ryan (Ann.)

Saturday 22nd July (St Lawrence of Brindisi)

No Morning Mass

Sunday 23rd July (16th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Kathleen Donaghue (80th Birthday)

8.30am

10.00am

11.30am Christine Sinclair & Noreen Sinclair (Ann.)

6.00pm

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Teresa Helly, Richard Chance, Sean Nally, Bridget Hopkins, Fraser Thompson, 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, Giuseppe Ianotta, Barry Kiernan, Jane Spurr. 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: Fr. Mark Leenane, Mary Nugent, Charles Moore. All those whose anniversaries occur around this time Rose McGee, Frank Faulkner, Bridie Ryan, Christine and Noreen Sinclair. 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. The next course takes place in September.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be taking a break from next week. A huge thank you to all leaders and helpers.

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.

First Communion and Confirmation 2024 Application forms available from the church porch for both sacraments. Please read all information carefully with regard to eligibility and requirements. The minimum ages for application: First Communion: school Year 3 minimum; Confirmation: school Year 9 minimum, Year 11 maximum; any older see above 'Adult Confirmation'. **The deadline for applications for both is a non-negotiable 31st July.** Any queries, please e-mail anna.

Sunday Evening Masses during August Please note that there will be no Sunday evening Mass throughout the month of August.

Liturgical Ministries

Summer Rota A sign up list for readers and eucharistic ministers will be available from next weekend to cover the weekends up to and including 10th September. Please do indicate your availability in advance. Also, if possible, please send Anna any dates you may not be available between September and Christmas to help with drawing up a new rota.

a) Altar Servers New recruits required. Anyone of any age – from 8 to 80+! - eligible as long as First Communion has been celebrated. The next session is **18th July 6.30pm**. Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk)

b) Readers We are now recruiting young people for the next round of training which most likely will begin in the Autumn. Also, more adult readers needed for all Masses but particularly for 8.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm Masses. Please contact Anna or Deacon Andrew for more information.

Music in Mass : From this weekend, the music ministry is taking a summer break. We thank them for their commitment since September and wish them rest and recuperation over the next few weeks.

URGENT!! Catechists and helpers needed to help prepare children and young people for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation; for Children's Liturgy and Religious Education for Children in Non-Catholic Schools. Updated Safeguarding guidelines mean that 2 adults are needed per small group. The size of group depends on the age of the children. Based on numbers being prepared over recent years, it is estimated that around 20 would be needed for First Communion and 14 for Confirmation, if we continue to follow the model of the bulk of preparation taking place in small groups. If you have a love and enthusiasm for your faith and would like to share it with others – this is a great basis for thinking about this ministry. If you would like to know more, please contact Anna to arrange a chat at a mutually convenient time initially by e-mail. northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk.

Parish Office and Newsletter The office will be closed for most of the time from Monday 10th July till Wednesday 26th July inclusive. Phone messages and e-mails will be responded to during that time at the earliest opportunity. This week the office will be open on Friday 10.30am – 2.30pm only. The newsletter will appear fortnightly from next weekend until the first weekend of September. Please submit items well in advance.