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Office Opening Hours Closed

Sacraments and Devotions:
Suspended until further notice.

Psalter Week 4 & 1

16th and 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 23rd July and 30th July 2023

Readings:

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

Next Week (17th Sunday Year A) Kings 3-5; Psalm 118:57, Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Following Week (18th Sunday) Isaiah 55:1-3, Ps 144:8-9, Romans 8:35 Matthew 14:13-21.

Reflection from Fr. Hilary: Authority: Seeking the Right Kind (4)

A final piece. It is so vital that everybody gets the correct approach to Authority as outlined in the previous three articles. True authority can only have a profound influence for good on people. Back again to the sort of authority displayed by Christ. He didn't leave people untouched. He enlightened them about life and right attitudes and many paid close attention. In other words he helped them to **grow** in the deepest sense. That was his authority bearing great fruit in people's lives. So that must be the unselfish aim of any person exercising authority over others. They won't misuse authority by throwing their weight about through the abuse of authority. Sadly, such abuse is common in society as a whole and some Church leaders have been guilty of it throughout history.

Thus, parents help children to **grow** by the proper use of authority as outlined. Those in authority in the Church show genuine authority only when they are helping people to **grow** in Christ. And those with political authority will exercise the real thing only if, with unselfish service, they enable people to **grow** as quality citizens. A lot to expect! Yes, authority is a powerful influence for quality growth.

Here's a final quote I came across once. It is a super challenge and a nice 'dig' at certain people: "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.

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

New to the Parish? Please let us know where and who you are by completing our registration form available in the porch or online at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/>

Liturgical Ministries:

Summer Rota A sign up list for readers and eucharistic ministers is available from this 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 for 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. Training will resume in September. 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.

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. Individual Zoom calls can be made on Weds. 2nd Aug., between 12.30pm and 4.30pm. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84833915901?pwd=eExHRGIWbTlaa1diSmZKdmdwd3hTUT09> Meeting ID: 848 3391 5901; Passcode: 778467 If possible, please e-mail with a proposed time you wish to attend.

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.
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Masses this Week

Sunday 23rd July (16th Sunday in Ordinary Year A)

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

8.30am Bruno Gallant (L.D.)

10.00am Dan Lynch (L.D.)

11.30am Christine & Noreen Sinclair (Ann.)

6.00pm Dr. Anton Joseph (L.D.)

Monday 24th July (St Sharbel Makhluf)

9.30am Rose McDonald (L.D.)

Tuesday 26th July (St James)

6.00pm

Wednesday 27th July (Sts Joachim & Anne)

9.30am Anselm Thompson (Ann.)

Thursday 27th July

No Mass

Friday 28th July

9.30am

Saturday 29th July (St Martha, Mary & Lazarus)

No Morning Mass

Sunday 30th July (17th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm

8.30am Elizabeth Iddles (L.D.)

10.00am Dolores McCarthy (Ann.)

11.30am John Breslan (LD)

6.00pm

Monday 31st July (St Alphonsus Loyola)

9.30am

Tuesday 1st August (St Alphonsus Liguori)

6.00pm

Wednesday 2nd August (St Eusebius of Vercelli; St Peter Julian Eymard)

9.30am

Thursday 3rd August (St John Vianney)

No Mass

Friday 4th August (St John Vianney)

9.30am

Saturday 5th August (Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica)

No Morning Mass

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: 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, John Breslan all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Anselm Thompson, 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 this week. A huge thank you to all leaders and helpers. 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. Liturgy resumes in September..

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

Getting Married? Six months' notice is required regardless of where the marriage is to take place. Please contact Anna to check on requirements, such as documents required, and attending a Catholic marriage preparation course. Paperwork should be completed in the parish of domicile. More information available on the parish website

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/sacramental-prep/marriage-preparation/>

World Youth Day @Home World Youth Day (WYD) takes place in Lisbon in a couple of weeks' time. For those who cannot attend the main event, there is an invitation to join WYD in London, a day celebration on **Saturday, 5th August 11am-5pm** in the Church of Notre Dame de France, Leicester Square, WC2H 7BX. The programme will include music, prayer, talks, activities and Mass. To register a group or individually, visit bit.ly/wydlondon The event is aimed at young people 15+ years of age and young adults.

Dates for your Diary! Look out for more details in later newsletters.

Season of Creation is marked during September, closing on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October. (For more information go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/>) The flower group invites you to explore how the theme 'Let Justice and Peace Flow' can be expressed using flowers in an all-age and ability workshop on **Sat. 2nd Sept.**, 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall. We hope to hold a children's workshop close to the feast of St Francis – watch this space!

Sr Philip will be leaving Ealing in September. A celebration of thanksgiving for her work in the parish and school will take place on **Sat. 9th September**, beginning with Mass at 10.00am, followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

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. The newsletter will appear fortnightly from this weekend until the first weekend of September on the following dates: 23rd July, 6th, 20th August. Please submit items well in advance.