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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 1

13th Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A) Sunday 2nd July 2023

Readings for This Week (13th Sunday Year A) Kings 4:8-11, Ps 88:2-3; Romans 6:3-4; Matthew 10:37-42

Readings for Next Week (14th Sunday Year A) Zechariah 9:9-10, Ps 144:1-2; Romans 8:9; Matthew 11:25-30

Reflection from Fr. Hilary: Authority: Seeking the Right Kind (1)

This is the first of three pieces.

The very idea of Authority can have a heated, churned-up effect on many. They regard it as a dirty word but it is sparklingly clean in fact. There has to be Authority in all areas of human life – such as in political and business life, in all institutions, in family, in social life, in the Church. Unfortunately, Authority is seen by many as authoritarianism. The latter word is usually used to refer to people throwing their weight about or bossing others. True Authority, however, is quite different. It never bosses anyone. It will often need to command but that's not bossing. Christ gives the best insights into Authority. There was no question of his outstanding Authority. Yet, at the same time, he strongly proclaims that he is the great Servant of God the Father and the Servant of people. "I am among you as one who serves." Now, I shouldn't have used that word "yet". Why? Because it implies that the Lord exercises his outstanding authority and then lays it aside in order to be a Servant. No, no – **he is exercising that authority precisely by being a Servant!** Please stop and get that right. The world is in a mess because it doesn't exercise this type of authority. What are the things that demonstrate this serving authority of his? Answer: Truth and Love, based on the solid foundation of true humility.

First, his Truth At the end of his Sermon on the Mount we read: "Jesus had now finished what he had to say and his words made a deep impression on the people because he taught them with authority and not like their scribes." This means that the Truth of his message simply rings true – rings true for the deepest needs of every human being in the ongoing task of reaching full development as a person. He spoke with authority – not with ego-centred authoritarianism, and he spoke forcefully, repeating often "but I say this to you."

Secondly, his Love He lived and died out of unique Love for the Truth he preached. By this Love he demonstrated in action what the whole of human living is profoundly about, namely, dealing with people in the most dedicated way. **There on Calvary was the Servant with powerful authority exercised with such eloquent Love.** This means that for true authority to be exercised by anybody there must be the destruction of every arrogant EGO to be replaced by Christ-like humility.

Please keep for prayerful reflection

Liturgical Ministries

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

b) Readers Next young reader training session **3rd July at 6.30pm** in the church. 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.

c) Eucharistic Ministers We would like to offer Communion under both kinds at all Masses but your parish needs more ministers to serve with the distribution of Holy Communion. Please consider if this is an area of ministry you feel called to. Minimum age is 16. Contact Fr Jim, Anna or Deacon Andrew.

Music in Mass : Rehearsals as follows: For 11.30am Mass Weds. and for 10.00am Thurs. Both take place in the church, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Entrance, via the parish office on Felton Road. New musicians and singers of all ages always welcome.

Mount Carmel Summer Fair takes place at the school on Little Ealing Lane **today from 12-5pm.** There's the usual mix of stalls, food, bar and stage with live music. All welcome!

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 2nd July (13th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Michael O'Donnell (LD.)
8.30am Olive & Peter Jones (Int.)
10.00am Keely McGivney (LD.)
11.30am Nora & Jack O'Sullivan (Ann & LD.)
6.00pm Olive Guidera (Ann.)

Monday 3rd July (St Thomas)

9.30am Keely McGivney (LD)

Tuesday 4th July (St Elizabeth of Portugal)

6.00pm Emma McConigley (Ann.)

Wednesday 5th July (St Anthony Zaccaria)

9.30am Mary O'Shea (LD.)

Thursday 6th July (St Maria Goretti)

No Mass

Friday 7th July

9.30am Lucy McCarthy (LD.)

Saturday 8th July

No Morning Mass

Sunday 9th July (14th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Leo Gallagher (LD.)
8.30am Deceased Members of the Holden Family
10.00am People of the Parish
11.30am Celine & Mike Carr (Ann.)
6.00pm Danuta Kurianska (Ann.)

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: Michael McCormack, Keely McGivney, Michael O'Donnell, Mary O'Shea, Lucy McCarthy and Leo Gallagher. All those whose anniversaries occur around this time, Helen Lonergan, Mary O'Neill, Olive Guidera, Emma McConigley, Danuta Kurianska, Celine and Mike Carr. 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 as leaders and helpers. Please contact Anna for further information.

Confirmation 2023 We congratulate the 42 candidates who were confirmed this weekend.

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. 10th July, 7.00pm – 8.00pm**, Parish House.

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.

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. 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. Training and guidance will be arranged for September. Watch this space!

London Irish Social Group- Parish hall, **Thursdays at 10am to 12.45pm**. All Welcome. Seaside trip to Rottingdean, **Wednesday 12th July**, Pub lunch, coach from Ealing. Contact Marie Connolly or Mary Whelan-O'Neill on 07592508680.

Annual Summer Gathering for all Catechists 'Awe and Wonder: Looking at the World with the Eyes of Faith', **Sat. 8th July**, 9.45am – 3.30pm, Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith, close to Hammersmith Station. The day will be led by Martin Foster. Cost £10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend, please contact Anna.

Father Jim's Ruby Ordination Anniversary The date of the anniversary is **Sunday 9th July**. A weekend of events is being planned to celebrate: It is hoped that by having a range of celebrations, there will be something for everybody!

Friday 7th: Parish Social Evening with music by 'One Night Only' and a bar, in the Parish Hall from 7.45pm.

Saturday 8th: Mass at **6.00pm**, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall, with a 'bring and share' buffet. The hall will be open from 4.30pm onwards to drop any food off before Mass. Sign up lists for food and helpers available at the back of the church. **Music for the Mass.** A rehearsal for music for the Mass will take place on Thursday **6th July, 7.30pm** in the church. All welcome.

Sunday 9th: Coffee morning after all morning Masses.

If you are willing and available to help in any way, please contact Rosa.

Gifts It is Fr Jim's wish that a parish collection is not arranged. He would prefer monetary donations be made towards the parish response to climate change. This can be made in the following ways: Contactless card by tapping on 'Energy Project'; Envelopes: from the back of the church and returning with the main collection or through the parish office door; Bank transfer. Account WRCDT, sort code 40-05-20, account 91095706, reference Energy Project.