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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 2

14th Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A) Sunday 9th July 2023

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

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

Reflection from Fr. Hilary: Authority: Seeking the Right Kind (2)

I'm sure it is worthwhile to reflect a bit more on authority. It is so essential to get it right. Think again of the various areas of life where authority has to be exercised. Christ's convictions on authority (see last week's newsletter) are for all human beings, not just for Christians.

The healing work of the Spirit is needed in those called to obey – but even more in those who command intemperately! Get that right. Obedience is often misunderstood. It is not subservience. Those who command intemperately want others to be subservient. They must be resisted. Obedience is regarded as a dirty word by many but, like authority, it is very clean. Obedience without the chance for initiative is servitude. Initiative without obedience is selfish self-will. Reflect. True obedience is to be learned pre-eminently from Jesus just as true authority is. He exercised supreme authority. He lived out perfect obedience. There is no other way for **any** human being. "He became obedient even unto death" we read. He obeyed the Will of God the Father perfectly. So, it was a **loving** obedience. This was his consuming passion: "My very food is to do the Will of the One who sent me." That is why words like "commandment" and "law" were used often by him about himself and about us. These will liberate, will give true freedom according to his understanding of them. Many, on the contrary, tend to think such words are restrictive, even negative. How wrong. Reflect. So, his **loving** obedience ("just as I have kept my Father's commandments") was in fact, his greatest dignity. Can it be any different for us? Thus, any exercise of authority will prove its genuineness by showing how much it also obeys – like Christ. **His kind of submission is the greatest exaltation.** Seek it. Wonderful paradox.

From all this it follows that the only worthy and acceptable commands that human beings can lawfully impose are those which are motivated by Christ's truth and by love for others and concern for their true welfare. **Those giving the commands must be ready to subject themselves to the demands of the commands they give!** Oh yes. True obedience is a two-way matter. They must recognise the strengths and weaknesses of those called to obey. Great respect for the latter people must be very evident. **If I am respected by authority, it will follow that authority will be respected by me.** The opposite is equally true. So those in authority must **earn** their respect. In fact, if authority is exercised as outlined here and last week, it will be accorded the greatest respect.

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. 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.

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 Tues. this week. 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.

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 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.)

Monday 10th July

9.30am Brian Gill (LD)

Tuesday 11th July (St Benedict)

6.00pm Fr Mark Leenane (L.D.)

Wednesday 12th July

9.30am Halina Lozinska (Birth Ann.)

Thursday 13th July (St Henry)

No Mass

Friday 14th July (St Camillus de Lellis)

9.30am Bridie Ryan (Ann.)

Saturday 15th July

No Morning Mass

Sunday 16th July (15th Sunday Year A)

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

8.30am

10.00am

11.30am Charles Moore (LD.)

6.00pm

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 (Osterley), Leo Gallagher, Brian Gill, Mary Nugent and Charles Moore. All those whose anniversaries occur around this time, 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.

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.

Adult Confirmation If you are aged 16 and over and would like to be confirmed, please contact Anna to discuss possibilities.

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. 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. Or come along to an online information evening via Zoom on **Thurs. 13th, 8.00pm**. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86060996097?pwd=S1FoNXU4am1NVUR5TktpbW9abkF1dz09> Meeting ID: 860 6099 6097; Passcode: 394291 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.

Care for Creation 10 July, 12.45-2.00pm, online: meeting for prayer, sharing and networking. Register at <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/southern-dioceses-environment-network/>

Parish 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 Saturday, 2pm – 5.30pm only.

Father Jim's Ruby Ordination Anniversary Today! Coffee morning after all morning Masses.

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 WRC DT, sort code 40-05-20, account 91095706, reference Energy Project.