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Office Opening Hours Closed

Sacraments and Devotions:
Suspended until further notice.

Psalter Week 4 & 1

20th and 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 20th August & Sunday 27th August 2023

Readings:

This Week (20th Sunday). Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, Ps 66:2-3, Romans 11:13-15, Matthew 15:21-28

Next Week (21st Sunday Year A) Isaiah 22:19-23, Ps 137:1-3, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

Following Week (22nd Sunday). Jeremiah 20:7-9, Ps 62:2-6, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

Season of Creation

This Summer has seen what appears to be ever-increasing incidences of adverse weather conditions across the world, all indicative of climate change, brought about by humanity's lack of care for nature and natural resources. .

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow", inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24). In his message for the World Day of Prayer 2023, Pope Francis invites us to "the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator."

As well as transforming our own hearts and lifestyles, the Holy Father calls us to seek to transform public policies and to "raise our voices to halt this injustice towards the poor and towards our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change." The Pope also stresses the importance of synodality with the hope that "in this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again." (*CAFOD website*)

For more information and resources go to CAFOD's website <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/season-of-creation>

As a parish, we are aiming at taking action by looking at simple things, such as use of energy, (including more complex long term projects in our 'Energy Project' which includes installing solar panels), sustainability in flower arrangements (see 'Dates for your diary' over the page), recycling what we can. During September, let us all take stock of how we each 'care for creation' and make a pledge to take action.

Please keep for prayerful reflection.

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

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the soul of: John Derek Mason whose requiem will be celebrated on **Friday 25th August at 11.00am**. This Mass replaces the Mass of the day.

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 in the sacristy 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.

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 Fortnight

Sunday 20th August (20th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Michael McCormack (LD.)
8.30am Joo Hong Tan (Betty) (LD.)
10.00am Pamela Florence Jennings (LD.)
11.30am Regina Manyi (LD.)

Monday 21st August (St Pius X)

9.30am Sister Philip (Int.)

Tuesday 22nd August (Queenship of BVM)

6.00pm Gabrielle Smith (L.D.)

Wednesday 23rd August (St Rose of Lima)

9.30am Fred Reals (1st Ann)

Thursday 24th August (St Bartholomew)

No Mass

Friday 25th August (St Louis; St Joseph Calasanz)

11.00am *Funeral* John Derek Mason *RIP*

Saturday 26th July (Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God)

No Morning Mass

Sunday 27th August (21st Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Graham Hughes (LD)
8.30am Augustine Benedict
10.00am Sister Bernadette Hunton (Get Well.)
11.30am Seamus Lydon (LD.)

Monday 28th August (St Augustine) (Bank Holiday)

9.30am Stefan Przybylski (Ann.)

Tuesday 29th August (Passion of St John the Baptist)

6.00pm Edgar De Souza (1st Ann)

Wednesday 30th August (Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line

9.30am Ursula Snedker (LD) & Margaret Ward)

Thursday 31st August (St Aidan)

No Mass

Friday 1st September

9.30am Marian Lazarus (Birthday)

Saturday 2nd September

No Morning Mass

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Madge Starr, 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 Iannotta, 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 Graham Hughes, Margaret Smyth, Michael McCormack, Joo Hong Tan (Betty), Pamela Jennings, Regina Manyi, Seamus Lydon and Ursula Snedker and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Fred Reals, Stefan Przybylski and Edgar De Souza. 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 Liturgy is aimed at children aged 3 -7 (Nursery to Year 2). If you would like to be involved as a leader or a helper, 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 Applications are now closed. If you are new to the parish, please contact Anna as a matter of urgency.

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/>

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)

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 Please contact Anna or Deacon Andrew for more information.

URGENT!! Catechists and helpers needed to help prepare children and young people for the sacraments. If you have a love and enthusiasm for your faith and would like to share it with others, consider this ministry. Please contact Anna to arrange a chat at a mutually convenient time initially by e-mail. northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk. **Training session**, 'An Introduction to Catechesis', at St. Lawrence's Church, Feltham, on **Thurs. 7th Sept.**, 7pm – 8.30pm. Booking essential. Contact Warren at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary!

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 dried flowers in an all-age and ability workshop on **Sat. 2nd Sept.**, 10am to 12 Noon (approx..) in the Parish Hall. To attend, please either e-mail Anna (northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk) or sign up on the list in the sacristy by 27th August. See poster in the porch for some further information. 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. All welcome.

Parish Office and Newsletter The office will be closed for most of August. Phone messages and e-mails will be responded to during that time at the earliest opportunity.