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Office Opening Hours Closed

Sacraments and Devotions:
Suspended until further notice.

Psalter Week 2 & 3

Transfiguration of the Lord & 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 6th August & Sunday 13th August 2023

Readings:

This Week (Transfiguration Year A) Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 96; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week (19th Sunday Year A) Kings 19:9, 11-13, Ps 84:9-14, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

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

Thoughts on the Feast day: Transfiguration and Transformation

"Changed from glory into glory,
til in heaven we take our place,
til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise."

(Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Charles Wesley)

Matthew writes that when Peter, James, and John see Jesus transfigured and hear the voice of God they are "overcome with fear" (Matthew 17:6). Jesus immediately goes to them and calms them, saying "Do not be afraid" (17:7), recalling the words an angel says whenever appearing to someone in the Bible. Seeing their Lord in his dazzling glory and hearing God's voice unnerves them, just as people visited by spiritual beings are unnerved. To reassure and refocus the disciples, Jesus at once sets their minds at ease.

What should their focus be at this point of Jesus' mission? Just before their journey up this mountain, Jesus had told them for the first time that he would suffer at the hands of the authorities, be killed, and then be raised on the third day. He had gone on to tell them that his disciples must deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow him. They will be repaid for their conduct when "the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory" (16:27). Now they have just seen a foretaste of that glory. In case they don't put two and two together, God explicitly commands them to listen to Jesus. He told you that he would be put to death. Listen to him. He told you that you must carry your crosses. Listen to him. He promised you that he will be raised and come again in glory to repay you. Listen to him.

Our world has always been in need of transformation, and these days that need seems especially great. Jesus gives us the first step. We need to deny our own priorities, our own desires, our own self-interests. and take up the challenge to uncover and reveal the kingdom that God is building in our midst. Let us be, as Peter says, "a lamp lighting a way through the dark," shining the light of God into the darknesses in need of transfiguration (2 Peter 1:19).

This week, let us ask ourselves: Which self-interest of mine will I promise to put aside and what cross will I pledge to carry, transfiguring my life and my little part of the world

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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.

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.

Masses this Week

Sunday 6th August (Transfiguration of the Lord)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Annie Smith (Ann.)
8.30am Fr Tom Quinn (Ann.)
10.00am Mary Alemanji (LD)
11.30am Martin & Bridget McInerney (Ann.)

Monday 7th August (St Sixtus II & Co; St Cajetan)

9.30am Geraldine O'Sullivan (Get Well)

Tuesday 8th August (St Dominic)

6.00pm

Wednesday 9th August (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

9.30am

Thursday 10th August (St Lawrence)

No Mass

Friday 11th August (St Clare)

9.30am

Saturday 12th July (St Jane Frances de Chantel)

No Morning Mass

Sunday 13th August (19th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm
8.30am
10.00am Denis Larkin (Ann.)
11.30am B.T.B. Foretia (LD)

Monday 14th August (St Maximilian Mary Kolbe)

9.30am

Tuesday 15th August (Assumption of BVM)

6.00pm

Wednesday 16th August (St Stephen of Hungary)

9.30am Sheila & Jim Henderson (Wedding Ann.)

Thursday 17th August

No Mass

Friday 18th August

9.30am

Saturday 19th August (St John Eudes)

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 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 soul of John Mason, Seamus Lydon, Mary Alemanji and B.T.B Foretia and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Annie Smith, Fr Tom Quinn and Denis Larkin, 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 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/>

London Irish Social Group- Parish hall, **Thursdays at 10am to 12.45pm** . All Welcome. .Contact Marie Connolly or Mary Whelan-O'Neill on 07592508680.

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.

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

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.

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. The newsletter will appear fortnightly until the first weekend of September on the following date, 20th August. Please submit items well in advance.