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Sacraments and Devotions:
Suspended until further notice.

Psalter Week 3

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 10th September 2023

Readings:

This Week (23rd Sunday) Ezekiel 33:7-9, Ps 94:1-2, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

Next Week (24th Sunday) Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28-7, Ps 102:1-4, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

Reflection from Fr. Hilary The Triumph of Good Over Evil

You may recall the brutal murder of Fr. Jerzy Popielusko in Poland in 1984 simply for speaking out against injustice and falsehood under Communism. He was persecuted and realised he could be killed. One of those taking part in the murder was Piotrowski, a former Communist secret police agent. This man, from prison, said that his life is now guided by his victim. "I bow before the heroism of Fr. Popielusko" he says. He has written a book "The Victory of Rev. Jerzy Popielusko". Humbly and repentantly he said "I killed the truth. What the young priest was doing and what I struggled against, was an act of moral courage on his part." He says the communist authorities begged him to silence the priest. Piotrowski and the two others kidnapped their victim, beat him up and drowned him in a reservoir. Piotrowski said he has nightmares about the crime but the image of the priest which is always around him is one of consolation and forgiveness. "I speak to Fr. Popielusko (before falling asleep) and I account to him for what I did. May the highest judge try me. He saw my fall and he saw my awakening. I am not being arrogant, but I entrust my fate to the one who liberated me out of this hell – to Fr. Popielusko."

Lovely story. The attraction of true beauty. The man feels strongly the love and forgiveness of this priest. He feels through that, the love and forgiveness of Christ since the priest is demonstrating such beautiful Christ-like attitudes. Not that any of them (Christ, priest and killer) thereby diminish the sense of wickedness of the sin. There are many people like this priest in all countries. Rejoice in that fact. This poor murderer has experienced a huge resurrection – magnificently through the death of his victim! Yes the unique power of Jesus' Death and Resurrection is manifest in very moving ways. So, increase your Faith! Be inspired by great people – people of fragile flesh and blood like us! Super. What great Goodness triumphing over Evil! Where's our courage, our selflessness? Let's all be ever more determined to enable Christ make that Goodness grow in us and beyond and pay the price. It is Truth. It is Love. It is Beauty.

Please keep.

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

Season of Creation, Week 2 : Biodiversity Today's flowers are locally foraged or English grown. We give thanks to God for all the incredible gifts of creation and we must reaffirm our place as stewards of that creation. Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction and human actions are destroying habitats and disrupting delicate ecosystems. The urgency grows for us to change our attitudes and actions and make peace with Earth. As we are called to join the Mighty River during this Season of Creation, please see the noticeboard for some simple ideas on how we can enhance biodiversity in our community.

Liturgical Ministries:

Rotas 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. Please send Anna any dates asap you may not be available for between September and Christmas to help with drawing up a new rota.

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.

Music in Mass Music at 11.30am Mass resumes on 17th September, Rehearsal Weds 13th, 7.30pm in the church. Singers and musicians of all ages welcome.

'Second Sunday' Coffee Morning Today after 8.30am and 10.00am Masses. Come along to catch up with parishioners whilst enjoying tasty refreshments!

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 10th September (23rd Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Margaret Carroll (Int.)
8.30am Peter Barry (Ann.)
10.00am Sister Philip (Int.)
11.30am Ursula Snedker (LD.)
6.00pm Sister Gemma (Mary) Foran (Sick)

Monday 11th September

9.30am Michael Martin (Ann.)

Tuesday 12th September (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

6.00pm Carmel Harford (Ann.)

Wednesday 13th September (St John Chrysostom)

9.30am Private Intention

Thursday 14th September (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) No Mass

Friday 15th September (Our Lady of Sorrows)

9.30am Eileen & Tony Kenny (Golden Ann.)

Saturday 16th September (St Cornelius) No Morning Mass

Sunday 17th September (24th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Maureen Hannigan (LD.)
8.30am Mark Hughes (Int.)
10.00am Jack McPadden (Ann.)
11.30am Noreen & Christine Sinclair (Ann.)
6.00pm People of the parish

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 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 Ss Gemma Foran, Martha D'Souza, Hugo Jose Rodriguez Cortez and Maureen Hannigan and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Peter Barry, Michael Martin, Carmel Harford, Jack McPadden, Noreen & Christine Sinclair. 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 on September 17th.

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. E-mails will be sent out during the coming week. Please check spam/junk folders, especially if you have Hotmail or Yahoo accounts.

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/>

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 being involved in and contributing to this ministry. Please contact Anna to arrange a chat at a mutually convenient time initially by e-mail. northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk.

Training sessions – Please contact Anna for more information.

1. Practical Skills', St Peter and Paul's, Northfields, Parish Hall, **Weds. 13th Sept**, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. for all catechists and helpers, new and experienced.
2. Preparing Teenagers for Confirmation, St. Lawrence's, Feltham, **Thurs. 21st Sept**, 7pm – 8.30pm.

Upcoming Parish Events

September 29th fundraiser – Due to climate change, the parish response is to become more energy efficient. We have already started with cavity wall insulation in the house and hall and new insulation in the loft of the house, but we still have a long way to go. The fundraiser will help to raise funds for us to proceed with the next step of the energy project. Further details to follow.

If you would like to know more about the project, please feel free to discuss with any member of the parish team or contact Mary Howley: email climategew13@mail.com

October – Acton Homeless Come join us for an evening of music and song, Sts Peter and Paul Parish hall, **Saturday 14th October 8-11pm** with 'A Wing and a Prayer' and friends in support of Acton Homeless Concern, Emmaus House., tickets £5.

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

Beginning Experience Weekend If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 13th to 15th October 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. This is easily reached by road or by the new Elizabeth Line. If you would like more details of the weekend, please ring Maura 07795-498445 or Mary 020-8647 4760 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.