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**Office Opening Hours 10.30am to 2.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.**  
**Sacraments and Devotions:**  
**Suspended until further notice.**

Psalter Week 4

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Evangelii Gaudium Day)

### Sunday 17th September 2023

#### Readings:

**This Week (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday )** Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28-7, Ps 102:1-4, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

**Next Week (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday )** Isaiah 55:6-9, Ps 144:2-3, Philippians 1:20-24, Matthew 20:21-16

#### Reflection from Fr. Hilary AMEN

A rather familiar word! From the Hebrew. If people were asked what it means, nearly all would reply "So be it". Correct but there is more to it. Our well used word YES expresses it well. To say Amen at the end of a prayer or at the end of any statement is to say "Yes I believe in what has just been said". It also implies "I commit myself to making the prayer or statement just made to be lived out in my life." Let's always say Amen with meaning, never by rote.

St Paul uses Amen to express a profound truth :- "Christ Jesus was never Yes and No : with him it was always Yes, and however many the times God proclaimed his promises of salvation, the Yes to them all is in Christ. That is why it is through Christ that we answer Amen to our praising of God".

Please make your own these words of Paul. God the Father's inexhaustible riches of salvation – **that is his Yes, his Amen, to us** in his Son. Such a Yes, such an Amen, is really powerful coming from him. What's our response? To join Christ who is **our Yes back to the Father!** That is amazing. Our Amen – by living more Christlike.

*Please keep and reflect.,*

**Rest In Peace** We pray for the repose of the soul of: Martha D'Souza whose requiem will be celebrated on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am**. This Mass replaces the Mass of the day. The Mass for Anne Tighe has moved to **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Season of Creation Week 3 – Sustainability.** "Let us cooperate in God's ongoing creation through positive choices: using resources with moderation and a joyful sobriety, disposing and recycling waste, and making greater use of available products and services that are environmentally and socially responsible." *His Holiness Pope Francis.*

This week's displays incorporate recycled materials to remind us to reduce waste wherever we can. They feature English sunflowers, a crop that can be used in its entirety: its leaves are fodder, its flowers yield a yellow dye, and its seeds produce vegetable oil and biofuel. See the noticeboard for environmentalist Bea Johnson's '5 Rs for Zero Waste': Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot.

#### Liturgical Ministries:

**Rotas** for readers and eucharistic ministers covering up to Christmas, now available from the sacristy.

**Altar Servers** New recruits required. Anyone of any age – from 8 to 80! - eligible as long as First Communion has been celebrated. Training resumes **Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6.30pm**. Please contact Deacon Andrew ([andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk))

**Readers** We are now recruiting young people for the next round of training which most likely will begin **3<sup>rd</sup> October**. Also, more adult readers needed for all Masses Please contact Anna or Deacon Andrew for more information.

**Music in Mass** Rehearsals are as follows: for 11.30am Mass, Weds, 7.30pm -9.00pm; for 10.00am Mass, Thurs. 7.30pm. All rehearsals take place in the church. Singers and musicians of all ages welcome.

#### From St Philip

Dear Father Jim, Deacon Andrew, Anna, Rosa and members of the Parish, It is a challenge to find the words to express my gratitude for such a wonderful Parish Mass and celebration last Saturday. I was and continue to be so deeply moved by your thoughtfulness and kindness to me.

It has been a tremendous privilege and honour to have worshipped in, and served our Parish over nearly 60 years. Those years have provided me with endless opportunities to experience the wonderful sense of community; everyone's commitment to our Parish life; our incredible dedication to the children of our parish through the provision of such wonderful Catholic education.

What I feel I can do now, at this stage of my life, is promise, commit myself, to praying each day for you, Fr Jim and for the Parish, that God will continue what he has begun in you all, through your love for the Church and your sense and spirit of community in St Peter and Paul's.

Have no doubt I will hear how things are (!) I take you with me in my heart and in my prayers, to Liverpool.

## Masses this week

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September (24<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

11.00am *Funeral* Martha D'Souza *RIP*

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September (St Januarius)

6.00pm Sr Philip (Int.)

(St Andrew Kim Tae-gon,

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Paul Chong Ha-sang & Co)

9.30am Anne Tighe (Birth Ann) *moved from Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept*

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September (St Matthew)

No Mass

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

9.30am Valerie Cronin (Int.)

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (St Pius of Pietrelcina)

No Morning Mass

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm People of the Parish  
8.30am Diane Howe (LD)  
10.00am Hugo Jose Rodrigues Cortez (LD.)  
11.30am John & Bridget Carr (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 Diane Howe, Hugo Jose Rodriguez Cortez and Maureen Hannigan and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Jack McPadden, Noreen & Christine Sinclair, John and Bridget 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** 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 24<sup>th</sup> September, a slight delay due to availability of volunteers.

**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. Meeting for parents who have applied on **Weds, 20<sup>th</sup> September**, 8.00pm, Parish Hall.

**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/>

**Evangelii Gaudium ('Joy of the Gospel') Sunday** Today we celebrate our faith. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Pope Francis' message for this year has the theme 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (cf. Lk 24:13-35). Full text can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/home-mission/evangelii-gaudium-sunday-2/pope-francis-message-2023/>

**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](mailto:northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk).

**Training session** – Please contact Anna for more information.. Preparing Teenagers for Confirmation, St. Lawrence's, Feltham, **Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**, 7pm – 8.30pm.

**Upcoming Parish Social September 29<sup>th</sup> Energy project Fundraiser** Music by For One night only, Buffet and Bar. Tickets £10 available after all masses this weekend and next. For more information contact Steven Dempsey on 07414264388 and Una Byrne on 07740701351

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](mailto:climategew13@mail.com)

**Ealing Half Marathon Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept**, please note, the roads around the church will be closed during the morning. This means no or restricted vehicular access during morning Masses. <https://www.ealinghalfmarathon.com/resident-information/>

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

**Safeguarding** The Parish reps are Susie Worthington, [northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) and Tracy Paterson [northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) for any matters relating to Safeguarding, including DBS.