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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 1

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Harvest/Migrants & Refugees) Sunday 24th September 2023

Readings:

This Week (25th Sunday) Isaiah 55:6-9, Ps 144:2-3, Philippians 1:20-24, Matthew 20:21-16

Next Week (26th Sunday) Ezekiel 18:25-28, Ps 24:4-9, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

Reflection from Fr. Hilary

The Inspiration and Challenge of Oscar Romero

Archbishop Romero of El Salvador was assassinated at Mass on 24 March, 1980. Truly a wonderful person. He continually spoke out for the underdog against the perpetrators of grave injustice who were responsible for the persecution and murder of thousands. He loved the poor people. He willingly died for them. Take note of his powerful testimony below. Note the magnificent last words he uttered upon being shot – his words on Jesus giving his body and blood. In seconds his own body and blood were strewn on the ground:-

"I have frequently been threatened with death. I ought to say that, as a Christian, I do not believe in death without Resurrection. If they kill me I will rise again in the people of El Salvador. I am not boasting – I say it with the greatest humility. I am bound as a pastor, by a Divine command, to give my life for those whom I love and that is all Salvadorians, **even those who are going to kill me.** If they manage to carry out their threats, from this moment I offer my blood for the redemption and resurrection of El Salvador.

Martyrdom is a gift of God which I do not believe I deserve. But if God accepts the sacrifice of my life, then may my blood be the seed of liberty and a sign that hope will soon become a reality. Can you tell them, if they succeed in killing me, that I pardon and bless those who did it. But I wish they could realise that they are wasting their time. A bishop may die but the Church of God, which is the people, will never die.

May the Lord's body broken and his blood shed for human beings encourage us to give up our body and blood to suffering and pain as Christ did – not for self but to bring justice and peace to our people."

This last sentence was preached at Mass at the point where he was gunned down and immediately his own body and blood were strewn on the ground. Wow! Isn't that something!

Please keep

Season of Creation Week 4 – Harvest. Today's displays celebrate harvest; we thank God for giving life to all things and for the amazing produce of the lands which nourish us. We must also recognise the inequalities in the global food system which lead to hunger, and pray and advocate for those experiencing food poverty. As much as 40% of food produced globally is wasted - along with the water and energy used to grow it. The environmental impact of this is 248x bigger than plastic and responsible for approximately 10% of all greenhouse gas emissions! This is a major climate problem so please see the noticeboard for ideas on how to reduce food waste at home.

Liturgical Ministries:

Rotas for readers and eucharistic ministers covering 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 26th Sept at 6.30pm.** 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 **3rd 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, **Tues**, 7.30pm -9.00pm, in the Parish House for this week only;; for 10.00am Mass, Thurs. 7.30pm. Thursday's rehearsal takes place in the church. Singers and musicians of all ages welcome.

Upcoming Parish Social September 29th Energy project Fundraiser Music by For One night only, Buffet and Bar. Tickets £10 available after all Masses this weekend. 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 climateg13@mail.com

Mass With Anointing of the Sick will take place on Sun. 8th Oct, 2pm, followed by refreshments.

Masses this week

Sunday 24th September (25th 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 Daniel Moylan (Sick)

Monday 25th September

9.30am

Tuesday 26th September (Sts Cosmas & Damian)

6.00pm Tom Leece (1st Ann.)

Wednesday 27th September (St Vincent de Paul)

9.30am Kevin Percival (Birth Ann)

Thursday 28th September (St Wenceslaus; St Lawrence)

No Mass

Ruiz & Co.)

Friday 29th September (Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

9.30am Gerry Flannigan (Ann.)

Saturday 30th September (St Jerome)

No Morning Mass

Sunday 1st October (26th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Gren & Moira Corke (Wedd Ann.)
8.30am
10.00am Daniel Moylan (Sick)
11.30am
6.00pm

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 all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including John and Bridget Carr, Tom Leece, Kevin Percival and Gerry Flannigan. 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 onnorthfeildscat@rcdow.org.uk 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 24th 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 2024 Applications are now closed. If you are new to the parish, please contact Anna as a matter of urgency

Confirmation 2024 Introductory Meeting for parents who have applied on **Sun. 15th October**, 4.30pm, Church..

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/>

Autumn Faith Sharing This Autumn the resources focuses on the 4 main documents of the Second Vatican Council on the Word of God, Liturgy, Church and Church in the Modern World as an opportunity to begin engaging with the Jubilee Year 2025. Booklets will be available from next weekend. Price £4. Please place monies in 'Newspapers' slot above the hymnbooks. If you require a large print version, please contact Anna. (northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk). They will be left in the sacristy for collection.

CCP Forms Secondary and Sixth Form.... Dates will be published in the newsletter early October giving times when Fr Jim will be available for form signing. Forms will only be signed by the Parish priest of the parish where you attend Mass regularly. Please refer to the School admissions pack.

Mount Carmel Primary School Foundation Governors Required Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? Foundation Governors play an important part in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of Catholic schools. For more information, go to <https://www.mountcarmel.ealing.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Youth Event for 11 – 16 Year Olds Ealing Abbey are holding a 'Youth Summit' in the Parish Hall on **Tues. 10th Oct**, 7pm. There will be food, music, activities, speakers and prayer. To say you're going, e-mail formation@ealingabey.org.uk

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.

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 and Tracy Paterson northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk for any matters relating to Safeguarding, including DBS.