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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

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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (World Mission Day)

### Sunday 22nd October 2023

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#### Readings:

**This Week (29<sup>th</sup> Sunday)** Isaiah 45:1, Ps 95:1, Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21

**Next Week (30<sup>th</sup> Sunday)** Exodus 22:20-26, Ps 17:2-4, Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

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#### Reflection from Father Hilary. **Faith 4: The Magnificence of Faith**

**Faith:** There is no greater Adventure in life. There is no greater Challenge. There is no greater Attraction. Nothing is more thrilling, nothing more satisfying. If you think this is exaggerated, then you misunderstand the whole thing.

We can distinguish between 'the Faith' and 'Faith'. By 'the Faith' we mean the great and wonderful truths revealed by the Lord – the Holy Trinity, the Incarnation of God the Son, the profundity of His Gospel, the great work of redemption in his death and resurrection, the founding of the Church – all of us – as the Body of Christ. By 'Faith' we mean each of us taking on board these fabulous realities, being nourished by them and **living by them with great trust in God.**

**Our life of Faith** is expressed in the warmth of Love in our relationship with Christ and the Father, in developing that relationship and in the great effect this must have on doing God's Will and on our relationship with God's people and with the whole of God's Creation. Ponder that sentence. It follows that a 'dead faith' is a contradiction. If Faith isn't animated by love, it is dead. We must strive, then, to put no obstacle in the Lord's way as He seeks to promote continually the depth of our Faith day by day and help others do likewise. 'I may have faith strong enough to move mountains but if I have no love, I am nothing.'

But, you may say, all that's fine but what about the fact of Faith being tough? What about the harsh realities of life attacking my Faith? You're right. This is where the wonderful story in 'Faith 3' is so helpful. Look at it again. Yes, in all our lives there are times when Faith will seem anything but attractive, when all seems darkness, when you might even doubt God's existence and you feel like throwing in the sponge. Here's the line to take: be assured that, far from your Faith going to pot, it is now being purified and the dross taken away to make your Faith become top quality, mature and enriched. Oh, yes! Rejoice! The great Saints went through very tough experiences of Faith. What a consolation to know we are in their company! So 'hang on in there' as they did with naked Faith!

And remember your Faith isn't just your possession. One of our great strengths is that when our Faith seems weak or dead we can draw on the Faith of the whole Community of the Church. That's terrific. So, rejoice and give thanks for the greatest treasure of all.

*Please keep for prayerful reflection.*

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**November Dead List** November dead lists can be found at the back of the church from this weekend. Please return to the box provided. No donation required.

**November Masses for the Dead** Holy Souls Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday evenings at 6.00pm:

7<sup>th</sup>: Deceased of the last 12 months

14<sup>th</sup>: Deceased parents, grandparents and spouses

21<sup>st</sup>: Deceased siblings and relatives

28<sup>th</sup>: All who have died during pregnancy and childbirth, babies, children and young people

12<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance, 11.30am

#### Liturgical Ministries:

**Altar Servers** New recruits required. Anyone of any age – from 8 to 80! - eligible as long as First Communion has been celebrated. Next Training **31<sup>st</sup> October 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, next session **7<sup>th</sup> November.** 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, no rehearsal this week. Both rehearsals take place in the church. Singers and musicians of all ages welcome.

**CCP Forms Nursery, Reception and Sixth Form** Please email the office if you need copies of Baptism Certificates. Dates and times of when Fr Jim will be available to sign forms will be available after half term.

**Word Mission Sunday** Takes place today across all Catholic parishes throughout the world, please pray for the mission of the Church. If you would like to donate, contact Missio on 0207 821 9755 or via the website [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk).

## Masses this week

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (29th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Antonia Rehill (Get Well.)  
8.30am Gracie Coll (Get Well)  
10.00am Philomena Larkin (Ann.)  
11.30am Maureen Lappin (Ann.)  
6.00pm Patricia Adams (LD.)

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (St John of Capistrano)

9.30am Sarah Mathews (Ann.)

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October (St Anthony Mary Claret)

6.00pm Franklin Rodrigues & Joanita de Menezes (Ann & LD.)

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Daniel Moylan (Sick)

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October (Ss Chad and Cedd)

No Mass

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Kelly Anne Rehill (Ann.)

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October (Ss Simon & Jude)

No Morning Mass

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October (30th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Mary & Pat Foley (Int.)  
8.30am Eileen McGowan (Get Well)  
10.00am Daniel Moylan (Sick.)  
11.30am Eamonn Hickey (Ann.)  
6.00pm Michael Clark & Family

**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 Patricia Adams, and Joanita de Menezes and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Philomena Larkin, Maureen Lapin, Sarah Mathews, Franklin Rodrigues, Kelly Anne Rehill, and Eamonn Hickey. 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 [northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:northfieldscat@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. The next course will take place in November.

**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.

**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** Preparation has begun with parents guiding their children at home. Parents' Zoom **Weds. 8<sup>th</sup> November.** Details will be sent by e-mail.

**Confirmation 2024** Introductory Session for candidates who have applied **5<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm**, 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. 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](mailto:northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk)

**Autumn Faith Sharing** 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 available from the back of the church. Price £4. Please place monies in 'Newspapers' slot above the hymnbooks.

**Synod 2021-2024** Please pray for the Synod (prayer cards available at the back of the church) which continues in Rome until the end of the month. For daily information, go to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

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

**School for Synodality – Free Webinar Series.** Monday evenings 7.30pm.

<https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/news/practicing-synodality-webinar-series> **30th Oct** The art of listening - hearing all the voices - Sr Ngozie (Sierra Leone) and Sr Anthonia (DRP) in partnership with CAFOD.

**Leadership Programme** Aged 18 - 22? Ready for the next step in your faith journey? Westminster Youth Ministry is taking 20 young Catholics on this exciting leadership training course, beginning at the start of Advent and culminating in a pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, during which the young leaders will support the Redcaps as they accompany sick or elderly pilgrims. Application deadline: 11 November 2023. Visit [youth.rcdow.org.uk](https://youth.rcdow.org.uk) to apply or email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) for more information.

**CAFOD 11 November, 11am-2pm: Young adults (18-30) gathering.** Pavilion venue. 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Free lunch and lots of info about climate action! [Find out more and register here](#)

**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.