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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 2

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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### Sunday 29th October 2023

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#### Readings:

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

**Next Week (31<sup>st</sup> Sunday)** Malachi 1:14--22, Ps 130, Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

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#### Reflection from Father Hilary. **Faith 5: I Believe in God; God Believes in Me**

Faith is not just belief in certain marvellous truths. It is primarily belief in a person. For a Christian it is a lively, warm, loving belief in Jesus Christ. Even in ordinary life, faith finds its home in a person. "I believe in you" is its true affirmation. When we say those words to someone or someone says them to us there is a warm glow. It is not far from saying "I love you". Real faith is a living faith, always in process, always seeking, never fully satisfied, exhilarating and exciting.

Therefore "I believe in God" says a great deal. **It is no theoretical statement.** It must possess warmth and love. It asserts that Reality is good and that the heart of that Reality is personal, not some impersonal force. So it doesn't merely affirm my belief in God's existence. It affirms also God's belief in me. It affirms His love for me. His attitude to each of us is: "I believe in you". Flaming marvellous! He entrusts much to us. In God's eyes I really matter. My belief in God and God's belief in me run together like the lines of a railway. There can never be a derailment unless I choose it. This is our source of utter confidence. Can you see what a profound and warm effect this **should** have on our whole relationship with God? Scripture says of God's faithfulness: "We may be unfaithful but He is always faithful because He cannot disown his own Self". God's faithfulness, then, is at the core of the character of God. Oh dear, how heart-breaking when God is misunderstood by people, even by believers. Ponder.

Jesus knew that the enemy of Faith is fear. That's why he often says to us "Do not be afraid". The cost of discipleship is great but nothing is more wonderful, challenging and fulfilling. We, as disciples, share the Lord's destiny. Our growth in faith will cope with fear. True disciples live and speak with courage because they know that whatever happens they cannot ever be beyond the care and love of God.

The disciples of Christ are recognisable when their **lived** Faith isn't seen as oppressing them or others as a joyless imposition. Rather, genuine Faith liberates – it does not oppress or repress. It produces a joy the world cannot give. A saying to sum up Faith: The values we are prepared to die for must become the risks we are willing to live for. Reflect please.

*Please keep for prayerful reflection..*

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#### Message of Thanks from Fr Jim

Fr Dan O'Malley, a member of the Irish Columban missionaries, has been a regular support to me personally and to this parish for a number of years, helping with Masses on Sundays and weekdays, and when I am away. Now the time has come for Fr Dan to return to Ireland his native land to live back there. I know he has enjoyed coming to the parish over the years and has attended Deanery meetings as well. We wish Fr Dan all the very best and God's blessings now and for the future. I hope he will be back next year when the Columban missionaries are due to give mission appeals in Westminster diocese, to make one here in this parish, and we shall see him again and any time he wants to visit after that.

We thank Fr Dan for all he has given to us in this parish and wish him well for the future. He will leave London on the 5th November to return to Ireland.

**Feast of All Saints** There will be Mass celebrated on Wednesday at 9.30am and 6.00pm.

#### 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, Thurs. 7.30pm. 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 will be posted here soon.

## Masses this week

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October (30<sup>th</sup> 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 and Family

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Pdraig Cunningham (Int.)

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

6.00pm Bridget & Oweney Duffy (Ann.)

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November (All Saints)

9.30am Doris & James Pillai (Ann.)  
6.00pm Jack Martin (Ann.)

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (All Souls)

No Mass

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (St Martin de Porres; St Winifride)

9.30am Terry Martin (Ann.)

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November (St Charles Borromeo)

No Morning Mass

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November (31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm People of the Parish  
8.30am Valarie Cronin (LD)  
10.00am Phil & Kathleen Duffy (Ann.)  
11.30am Margaret Gunn (Ann.)  
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 Valarie Cronin and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Eamonn Hickey, Bridget and Oweney Duffy, Doris and James Pillai, Jack Martin, Margaret Gunn, Phil and Kathleen Duffy. 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. DBS checks processed by the diocese are required for this role.

**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 Meeting for candidates who have applied **Sunday, 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)

**Synod 2021-2024** The Synod begun in 2021 with local listening events has now reached the first session of the universal stage in Rome. Please pray for the Synod (prayer cards available at the back of the church) which continues until the end of the month. For daily information, go to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

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

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

**Jubilee 2025** As part of the preparation for the Jubilee, there will be 2 online talks on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November, given by Fr Brian O'Mahony. More information at <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/evangelisation-events/> and on the poster..

**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](http://youth.rcdow.org.uk) to apply or email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) for more 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.

**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](#)

**Blessing of graves** There will be a blessing of the graves at Gunnersbury, Cemetery **on Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 3pm.**

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