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Sacraments and Devotions:
Suspended until further notice.

Psalter Week 3

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 8th October 2023

Readings:

This Week (27th Sunday) Isaiah 5:1-7, Ps 79:9, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

Next Week (28th Sunday) Isaiah 25:6-10, Ps 22, Philippians 4:12-14, Matthew 22:1-14

Reflection from Father Hilary. Faith 2: A Mature Faith

Faith is indeed fabulous. But it's difficult. People sometimes talk about simple faith as if simple means easy. Faith is never easy. How can we be easy about suffering? If only God would give us a sign! The silence of God is deafening! There's a strong tendency in us to want to see 'signs'. Beware. Jesus was firmly against that tendency. He and His Gospel are the supreme SIGN and this is enough.

We want God to intervene in the silence and suffering. He seems to say nothing. How can we live with that and continue to believe? One way is to accept the Fatherhood of God. In day to day parenthood, a sound parent will stay close to the child when young, giving love, reassurance and trust. But as the years go by, if the parent doesn't let go, the child will never mature. In the Bible we see the pattern of God's dealings with His people. He looks after them tenderly, is very patient, issues warnings. Then, at the end of the New Testament, God the Son Incarnate ascends into heaven. He has taught the apostles and us about coping, trusting and loving and then leaves us to get on with it.

But many of us don't want that. We want to stay in a suspended state of childhood, to hold on too much to God's hand, and we want the Divine parent to intervene, to give us a sign. But God wants us to grow and become mature adults in the faith, taking responsibility for ourselves and the world. This, however, doesn't mean He's not there. He is present profoundly but wills us to get on with it as adult believers, **as if He is not there!**

Now don't get me wrong on this next bit. Devotion to apparitions of Our Lady is perfectly all right provided we have a healthy approach. An unhealthy approach is seeking these 'signs' as if they are necessary. The Church will never enjoin on us belief in such private revelations. The Church's task from the Lord is to promote Revelation – with a capital R. There is nothing in private revelations which isn't already contained in Revelation. Our Lady would smile at the idea of her improving on her Son's Revelation! Are her apparitions a rebuke to a poor quality faith?

We must beware in case we stay at a childish level of faith, thinking we can get answers to every question. Adult faith faces the world boldly not wanting childish reassurance but learning to live with questions and grappling, if needs be, with doubt. Wonderful!

Please keep for prayerful reflection.

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the soul of: Rupert Noronha whose requiem will be celebrated on **Wednesday 11th October at 10.00am.** This Mass replaces the Mass of the day.

Mass With Anointing of the Sick will take place today **Sunday 8th Oct, 2pm**, followed by refreshments

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 **10th October at 6.30pm.** Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk)

Readers We are now recruiting young people for the next round of training, next session **17th 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. Both rehearsals take place in the church. Singers and musicians of all ages welcome.

Synod 2021-2024 The Synod begun in 2021 with local listening events has now reached the first session of the universal stage in Rome. The work of the Assembly is organised around four modules. The first is related to the first part of the *Instrumentum Laboris* (IL), the document of work, the one entitled "For a Synodal Church", the other three modules correspond to the three theological-pastoral areas (communion, mission, participation) according to the subdivision of the IL tracks. The document can be found at: <https://www.synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html> Please pray for the Synod (prayer cards available at the back of the church) which continues until the end of the month.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Appeal and Collection takes place today. Donations can be made either by cash or contactless card. at the end of each Mass this weekend.

Masses this week

Sunday 8th October (27th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm
8.30am Barry Cantillon (LD.)
10.00am Daniel Moylan (Sick)
11.30am Michael Cusack (Ann.)
6.00pm Valerie Cronin (LD.)

Monday 9th October (St John Henry Newman)

9.30am Martin Guidera (Ann.)

Tuesday 10th October (St Paulinus of York; St Denis & Co; St John Leonardi)

6.00pm

Wednesday 11th October (St John XXIII)

10.00am *Funeral* Rupert Noronha RIP

Thursday 12th October (St Wilfrid)

No Mass

Friday 13th October (St Edward the Confessor)

9.30am Mary McGrath (LD.)

Saturday 14th October (St Callistus)

No Morning Mass

Sunday 15th October (28th Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm
8.30am
10.00am Imelda Leonard (LD.)
11.30am Mary Agnes Timoney (LD.)
6.00pm Jadwiga Treszka (Ann.)

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 Valerie Cronin, Barry Cantillon, Mary McGrathy, Patricia Adams, Imelda Leonard and Mary Agnes Timoney, Fr Dominic McKenna and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Michael Cusack, Denis Fitzgerald, Neusa Pressler and Martin Guidera and Jadwiga Treszka. 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 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 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. 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 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 now available from the back of the church. Price £4. Please place monies in 'Newspapers' slot above the hymnbooks.

CCP Forms Secondary and Sixth Form Fr Jim will be available for form signing on **Wednesday 11th and Friday 13th October form 5pm-7pm** Forms will only be signed by the Parish priest of the parish where you attend Mass regularly. Please refer to the School admissions pack. Please email the office if you need copies of Baptism Certificates. More dates to follow.

Mount Carmel Primary School Foundation Governors Required 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/>

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.

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@ealingabbey.org.uk

Do you like cooking? A community of 5 elderly sisters living near St Benedict's Ave require a cook, 17 hours a week Mon-Friday but hours can be negotiable plus some shopping. If interested, please contact Sr Catherine or Sr Marie on 02089986731 if no reply please leave a message.

Energy Project Fundraiser Steve Dempsey would like to thank Mary Howley, Mary Ruane, Ronan McNamara and Una Byrne for arranging this event. Thanks, also to Roisín and her One Night Only Band, Tommy Duffy and helpers for the bar, Caroline Dempsey for the delicious food and to all those that attended and those who bought tickets but were unable to attend. The total raised on the night was an amazing **£1485**.

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.