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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

Feast of Christ the King Year A (World Youth Day)

Sunday 26th November 2023

Readings:

This Week (Christ the King) Ezekiel 34:11-12, Ps 22:1-3, Corinthians 15:20-26, Matthew 25:31-46,

Next Week (1st Advent Year B) Isaiah 63:16-17, Ps 79:2-3, Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

Reflection from Father Hilary - Understanding Freedom Deeply

I came across these words of Nelson Mandela referring to his 27 years in prison. They really are very powerful. Please study them. Merely reading them wouldn't do them justice:-

"It was during those long and lonely years that my hunger for the freedom of my own people became a hunger for the freedom of all people, white and black. I knew as well as I knew anything that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred, he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom, just as surely as I am not free when my freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity."

Definitely a wonderful Statement. Five Sentences. Please spend time on each sentence. I love the way he gives a dig to the oppressors! The points he makes can be applied to situations in the vast area of Business today as well as to the conscience of individual people. Share the five sentences with others. Please make some copies.

Please keep.

Month of the Holy Souls

1. November Dead Lists Lists and envelopes

available from the back of the church. Please return to the box provided. No donation necessary.

2. Tuesday Evening Masses This week we remember all who have died during pregnancy, children, babies, stillbirths

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 **28th November 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 **5th December**. 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, this week Weds., **7.00pm** -9.00pm, for 10.00am Mass, Thurs. 7.30pm. Both rehearsals take place in the church. Singers and musicians of all ages welcome.

Advent and Christmas 2023

1. Advent Giving Calendar arranged by Caritas. Copies available in the porch. Buy a listed item each day of Advent to give to a food bank or homeless charity. As a parish, we will be collecting items for Acton Homeless. Details of when to bring the items will be given next week.

2. Carol Service will take place on **Sunday 17th December**, 3.30pm. Music rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings in the church from 7.30pm. All are welcome

3. Masses on 24th December The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve this year. Masses to celebrate the Sunday will take place on Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 9.30am only, before going into Christmas Eve mode!

4. CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues available in the porch.

CCP Forms Nursery, Reception and Sixth Form Fr Jim will be available this week to sign forms as follows: Mon. and Wed, between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. No appointment necessary. Please email the office if you need copies of Baptism Certificates. Next week will be the final opportunity for form signing this year.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal... Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Safeguarding The Parish reps are Susie Worthington, northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk and Tracy Patterson northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk for any matters relating to Safeguarding, including DBS.

Masses this week

Sunday 26th November (Christ the King Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Jeremiah & Mathilda O'Neill (Ann.)

8.30am Tracey McGinty (L.D.)

10.00am Ivor Cradock (Ann.)

11.30am James Corrigan (Ann.)

6.00pm Michael McCudden (L.D.)

Monday 27th November

9.30am Daniel Moylan (Sick)

Tuesday 28th November

6.00pm All who have died during pregnancy,
Children, babies and, still births

Wednesday 29th November

9.30am Lily Keating (LD.)

Thursday 30th November (St Andrew)

No Mass

Friday 1st December

9.30am Michelle Kelly (Get Well)

Saturday 2nd December

No Morning Mass

Sunday 3rd December (1st Advent Year B)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Maureen Mulvanny (LD.)

8.30am People of the Parish

10.00am Brian Savage (LD.)

11.30am Mary Scally (LD.)

6.00pm Jacinta Cook (Int.)

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, Nuala Hirth, Winifred Grogan, Gerard Hartnett, Tracey McGinty, Michael McCudden, Lily Keating, Brian Savage and Mary Scally and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Michael Starr, Jeremiah & Mathilda O'Neill, Ivor Cradock and James Corrigan 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 January.

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 All candidates and their families will be celebrating the beginning of their preparation during a 'Presentation Mass', **today**, at 10.00am. It is an opportunity for the parish to support these families with prayer.

Confirmation 2024 Next session for candidates who have applied **10th December, 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/>

Parents & Toddlers has now reopened on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall, 9.30am – 11am, a great opportunity to meet with families of the parish and the local area.

Online talks both sets taking place online to register with Warren at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk and a request of a suggested donation of £5 per talk to be made via <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/agency-for-evangelisation/>

1. Jubilee 2025 As part of the preparation for the Jubilee, there will be a second talk on the Church on 28th November, given by Fr Brian O'Mahony. For donations, please add 'Year of the Council' in the optional message box.

2. Advent Online Scripture Talks by Fr John Deehan on the prayers and Gospels of Christmas, continue 30th November, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. For donations, please add 'Advent Talks' in the message box.

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

Mount Carmel Christmas Fair takes place on **Sunday 3rd December** between 11:30am - 4pm. Santa's Grotto, BBQ, food and drinks, tombolas, children's games and crafts...ALL WELCOME!

Caritas St Joseph's Family Forum The next Family Forum for Parents/Carers of those with Learning Disabilities but open to all interested: **Tuesday 5 December**, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Hendon, NW4 4TY. Tea from 4.30pm followed by talk and discussion at 5pm: **Thinking about the future: ideas and resources to help with conversations and planning – Noelle Blackmann and Christine Towers.** For more information go to: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/caritas-st-josephs-family-forum-1574.php> or email paulchristian@rcdow.org.uk

Resonate - Westminster Youth Ministry's primary event for young adult Catholics aged 18-35, looking to explore and learn more about their faith. Next event: A Christmas Carol: The Origin of Carols and How to Sing Them, a talk by Stephen Bick, **Thurs. 14 Dec.** 19:00 - 21:00, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street SW1P 1QN. See poster or QR code.



Youth Sunday The theme, celebrated in England and Wales today, is "Come and See". A welcoming invitation to young people from Jesus, and indeed the whole Church. It is inspired by the words Pope Francis spoke to young people gathered for the Welcome Ceremony in Lisbon for the international World Youth Day, August 2023.

[Read Pope Francis' full welcome message here](#)