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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 3

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## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 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 & Secularisation – Challenge to Faith

Here is a final piece on Faith. The content is of great urgency. It comes from Frank Sheed, now deceased, a great exponent of the Faith. Today the opposition to Faith is powerful. We have a big responsibility to combat this. It will cost, but the sense of joy and privilege will be there too. Please discuss the points below with friends:

Every age has its mental atmosphere. The decisive element in ours is its total secularity, the assumption that what we experience – through our senses – is the limit of Man's concern. God is not actually denied, He is not considered at all. Life is to be conducted without reference to Him. In this atmosphere we have no choice but to live. There is a continuous seeping in from it which makes for a kind of damping and discoloration even of things we would die for rather than deny. We may not accept its denials but we are most certainly affected by its emphases.

This is a peril even if we are strongly grounded in the Faith; to those who are not, the peril is enormous. They may perhaps have given little mind to what Christ actually taught. Being loyal Catholics, they accepted what their teachers taught them without questioning, that is without penetration. But when Christ gives a teaching, he is telling us something, not testing our capacity to swallow. A mere willingness to believe whatever God says – "certainly Lord, if you say so" – is a poor skeleton of the virtue of obedience. It means that from the truths themselves they receive no nourishment and expect none.

Meanwhile our world – so brilliant technologically, so innocently sure that mankind has at last "come of age" – dismisses the whole religious "thing" as of no importance. A Christian can feel embarrassed at the difference between his own beliefs and the cool certainties of the world. No affirmation is stronger than our world makes of its own maturity. A Christian can all too easily find that such affirmations as he is able to make, cannot match its strength. There comes a kind of scaling down and shading off, a switching of the mind away from beliefs at which the people he meets would raise an eyebrow. His instinct is to try to get into step with everybody else, while not actually abandoning the truths grown insipid. This instinct is strong today.

But there comes a point beyond which we MUST be out of step with our generation. If our following of Christ is a reality and not just a gesture, we hear a music that others do not hear. It sounds for us in the Gospel provided we have not let it be drowned out by the clamours of the world !

*Please keep.*

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#### 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 those who have died over the last 12 months.

##### 3. Remembrance Sunday Mass at 11.30am next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the Mass of Remembrance.

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

#### 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 **14<sup>th</sup> November 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** Fr Jim will be available this week to sign forms as follows: Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> and Weds. 8<sup>th</sup> between 5pm and 7pm. No appointment necessary. Please email the office if you need copies of Baptism Certificates.

**Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection** Envelopes available this weekend to be returned next weekend when the collection will be taken. Donations can also be made online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) or scanning the QR code on the posters and envelopes. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Masses this week

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November (30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm People of the Parish  
8.30am Valerie Cronin (L.D.)  
10.00am Phil & Kathleen Duffy (Ann.)  
11.30am Frank Dowling (Get Well)  
6.00pm Sam Suresh (Ann.)

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am Oweney & Maureen Duffy (Ann.)

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

6.00pm Deceased over the last 12 months.)

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am Tom Carroll (Ann.)

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica) No Mass

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November (St Leo the Great)

9.30am Daniel Moylan (Sick)

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November (St Martin of Tours) No Morning Mass

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November (32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year A; Remembrance)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Arlene Chandiram (Ann.)  
8.30am Falbert Ahti (Ann)  
10.00am Joseph Barry (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)  
11.30am Denis Daly (Ann.)  
6.00pm Brian Jones (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 Valarie Cronin, Nuala Hirth, Rosaleen Edward and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Phil & Kathleen Duffy, Sam Suresh, Maureen and Oweney Duffy, Tom Carroll,. 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. In-person meeting for parents, **15<sup>th</sup> November**, 8.00pm, Parish Hall.

**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)

**Fundraiser in Aid of Acton Homeless** An evening of music and song by 'A Wing and A Prayer' will take place on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, 8.00pm – 11.00pm, in the Parish Hall. Tickets £5, on sale after all Masses weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November

**Online talks** both sets taking place online to register with Warren at [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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 2 online talks on 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November, given by Fr Brian O'Mahony. More information at <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/evangelisation-events/> and on the poster. Please note the change in date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> talk. For donation, 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, will take place on Thursdays, beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. For donations, please add 'Advent Talks' in the I message box.

**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](#)

**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.