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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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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year B (Peace Sunday)

### Sunday 14th January 2024

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#### Readings:

**This Week (2nd Sunday Year B)** Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Ps 39-2, Corinthians 6:13-15; John 1:35-42

**Next Week (3rd Sunday Year B)** Jonah 3:1-5, Ps 24:4-9, Corinthians 7:29-11; Mark 1:14-20

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#### Reflection from Fr. Hilary      Our True Measure

"If we are worth anything it is not because we have more money or more talent or more human qualities. Insofar as we are worth anything it is because we are grafted on to Christ's life, his Cross and Resurrection. This is a person's true measure"

Archbishop Romero has some great insights into the dignity of the human person. This is one of them. People outside the Church wouldn't be easily won over to such a statement as this. But even within the Church there are plenty who don't have this conviction. Well, certainly not over the moon with enthusiasm like they and all of us should be with such beautiful truth. How many Catholics and other Christians do you hear talking enthusiastically about such profound truths?

Look again at the first sentence of the quotation. These are the criteria most people regard as a person's worth. Utterly pathetic. The second sentence emphasises we are members of the stupendous Body of Christ of which Jesus is the Head. The statement that we are "in Christ" is so rich and profound. We have access to "the inexhaustible riches of Christ". All this constitutes our true worth, true value, our true measure.

*Please reflective prayerfully often.*

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**Peace Sunday** Let us pray for peace in our world especially this weekend. "Blessed are the peacemakers," said Pope Francis to assembled diplomats in the Vatican this week when he delivered an address concerning the state of the world. A report on the address is available here. <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/48883>

#### 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 **16<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm**. Please contact Deacon Andrew ([andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk))

**Readers** Next session **23<sup>rd</sup> January** 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., 7.30pm -9.00pm, for 10.00am Mass, Thurs. 7.30pm. Both rehearsals take place in the church. .

**Ministry of Reader and Eucharist** New rotas running up to 17<sup>th</sup> March inclusive are now available for collection from the sacristy this weekend.

**Sunday of the Word of God** will be celebrated over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January. The motto chosen is taken from the Gospel of St John: "Remain in my Word" (John 8,31) To highlight the importance of the Word in Mass and the ministry, there will be a blessing of all readers who currently serve on the rota at all Masses over the weekend.

Quoting the accompanying resource for the Sunday : '...we need to foster an ongoing personal and community encounter with the Word of God. We know well that listening, sharing, living and proclaiming the Word of God is not a one-day task, but a task to undertake for our whole life.' This week, why not reflect on how often do I listen to or read the scriptures? Suggestions and resources will be given next week. Link to the handbook in various languages:

<http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/parola/2024/sussidio.html>

#### Volunteering: Focus on the Liturgical Life of Our Parish Community

The following areas of ministry are in need of new volunteers. For more information or expression of interest, contact Anna ([northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk)), or leave a message on 07787 048144. Appropriate guidance and training will be arranged

**Adult Readers** To proclaim the Word of God at weekday and Sunday Masses.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** Fr Jim would like to distribute Holy Communion under both kinds. Due to a shortage of ministers, this is only currently possible at 10.00am and 11.30am Sunday Masses.

**Flower Group** is always looking at swelling its ranks. No previous experience required, just a willingness to learn from others. There will be an informal gathering to find out more.

**'Behind the Scenes'** There is much that goes on unseen to prepare for the celebration of Mass: cleaning and maintenance of vessels and vestments, candlesticks and other items used, including the sacristy itself. Could this be you?

## Masses this week

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year B)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Kathleen Keane (Birth Ann.)  
8.30am Patrick McTearnan (Ann.)  
10.00am Nelly Jennings (LD.)  
11.30am Rita Newcomb (LD.)  
6.00pm Charles Moore (RIP)

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am John Younger (Ann.)

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

6.00pm Margaret Carol (Int.)

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Mary Goldrick (LD.)

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

No Mass

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January (St Wulstan)

9.30am John & Michelle Kelly & Family

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January (St Fabian; St Sebastian)

No Morning Mass

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year B)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Tony & Margaret Gunn (Ann.)  
8.30am Ramaswamy Iyer (LD.)  
10.00am John Sweeney (Ann.)  
11.30am Foncie Kennedy (Ann.)  
6.00pm Elizabeth & Patrick Owens (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 Pat Dennehy, Noreen Lally, Mary Goldrick, Nelly Jennings, Rita Newcomb, Ramaswamy and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Kathleen Keane, Patrick McTearnan, John Younger, Tony & Margaret Gunn, John Sweeney, Foncie Kennedy, Elizabeth & Patrick Owens. 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 February.

**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. Liturgy will take a short break until 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**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 Preparation** In-person sessions for the children will begin on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, January, 6.00pm – 7.15pm**, Parish Hall. There will be an online meeting for catechists and helpers on Monday -: look out for an e-mail!

**Confirmation 2024** Next session for candidates will take place on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 4.00pm – 5.30pm**, 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/>. It is hoped to run a marriage preparation course in the parish before Easter. More details to follow soon.

**Coffee Morning after Monday Mass** Come join us in the hall for coffee after Mass on Mondays. All welcome

**Parents & Toddlers** has now reopened on Wednesday mornings, term time, in the Parish Hall, 9.30am – 11am, a great opportunity to meet with families of the parish and the local area. We are still looking for volunteers to help run the group. please contact Rosa or Anna in the office if you are interested.

**'Second Sunday' Coffee Morning** today Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>, after 8.30am and 10.00am Masses in the Parish Hall.

**One Night Only! Charity Gig** Get your dancing shoes ready for 'Five years of 'One Night Only!' at The Globe, Windmill Road, Brentford, Saturday 27th January from 8.30pm with a raffle for Ealing Food Bank and Acton Homeless Concern. All welcome! For any more information, contact Roisin [roisinsullens@gmail.com](mailto:roisinsullens@gmail.com)

**Finding a way through the Energy Crisis** 18 January, 2024 @ 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm. Free online event being organised and hosted by Caritas Westminster. A look at the current situation, what it means for us now, and how to help ourselves, and those in need: including ways to ensure people stay on top of the situation, how to maximise income, how to find help if needed and finally some ways to save energy and money in general. The session will be led by Olivia Mackay, National Energy Action Project Development Co-ordinator for London, and will include: How to help people deal with the increased cost of living, and of energy bills; Available energy discounts; Where to find support and financial assistance; Energy tips to save money in the home. To register, <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/finding-a-way-through-the-energy-crisis/>

**Care for Creation** For those interested in tackling the on-going climate crisis why not read the '[Care of Creation](#)' webpages of Westminster Justice and Peace Commission, or joining the [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#) for 10 online lunchtime meetings, 12.45 – 2.00pm. The first one for 2024 is with Neil Thorns, Director of Advocacy for CAFOD, reporting back from COP28 on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 12.45-2.00pm**. All are welcome to attend!

**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)