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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

The Epiphany Of the Lord Year B

Sunday 7th January 2024

Readings:

This Week (Epiphany Year B) Isaiah 60:1-6, 6-7, Ps 71:1-2, Ephesians 3:2-3, Matthew 2:1-12

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

Reflection from Father Hilary – Compassion Is Precious



Pope Francis shows his compassion again by hugging a man with a severe facial deformity. As you know Jesus identifies himself with people. So the Pope is conscious of touching the flesh of Christ when he is touching people, especially the poor and infirm. And when they bear the scars of disability he sees those scars as the wounds of Christ. Jesus himself was a very tactile person. He will help people who have hesitations in reaching out to others.

Pope Francis embraces and blesses a man whose body is covered in tumours at one of his general audiences. He takes his time. He is in no hurry to leave the man



Please keep for reflection.

Ministry of Reader and Eucharist Please sign up on the lists. New rotas will be available the weekend of 13th/14th January to run up to 17th March inclusive. Please let Anna know of your availability over this period.

Sunday of the Word of God will be celebrated over the weekend of 20th/21st 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.

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 **16th January at 6.30pm**. Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk)

Readers Next session **9th 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.

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), 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 and to share thoughts on Easter arrangements in the near future. Watch this space for details!

Music Singers and musicians of all ages welcome for 10.00am and 11.30am Masses.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Enabling young children to access Gospel teaching during 10.0am Mass term time.

'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.

Masses this week

Sunday 7th January (Epiphany Year B)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Elizabeth Gowans (Int.)
8.30am Cronin Family (Int.)
10.00am Annie Watts (RIP.)
11.30am Eamonn Foley (10th Ann.)
6.00pm Eileen & Paddy O'Brien (Ann.)

Monday 8th January (Baptism of the Lord)

9.30am Thomas Nicholas (Ann.)

Tuesday 9th January

6.00pm Jacinta Dowling (Int.)

Wednesday 10th January

9.30am Patrick & Patrick Vincent Fitzgerald (Ann.)

Thursday 11th January

No Mass

Friday 12th January

9.30am Mary Goldrick (LD.)

Saturday 13th January

No Morning Mass

Sunday 14th January (2nd 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)

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, Mary Goldrick, Nelly Jennings and Rita Newcomb and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Eamonn Foley, Eileen & Paddy O'Brien, Thomas Nicholas, Patrick & Patrick Vincent Fitzgerald, Kathleen Keane, Patrick McTearnan.. 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. Liturgy will take a short break until 14th 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 Preparation resumes in January with a meeting for parents on **Wednesday 10th January, 8.00pm**, Parish Hall. In-person sessions for the children will begin on **Wednesday 17th, January, 6.00pm – 7.15pm**, Parish Hall. There will be a meeting for catechists and helpers before 17th January: look out for an e-mail!

Confirmation 2024 Next session for candidates will take place on **Sunday 14th 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 Resumes on **January 8th 2024**.

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 takes place next Sunday, 14th, after 8.30am and 10.00am Masses in the Parish Hall..

Thank you from the Parish team . for all the Christmas cards and gifts received and we wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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

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, please go to <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/finding-a-way-through-the-energy-crisis/>

Safeguarding The Parish reps are Susie Worthington, northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk and Tracy Patterson northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk