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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 1

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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#### Readings:

**This Week (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B)** Leviticus 13:1-2, Ps 31:1-2, Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

**Next Week (1<sup>st</sup> Lent Year B)** Genesis 9:8-15, Ps 24:4-9, Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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#### Reflection from Father Hilary.      **Lent – A wonderful Blessing (1)**

It is indeed a wonderful blessing. Not to believe that is to underestimate it badly. Lent challenges us and inspires us to be real and honest about our human nature – all of us. Such realism and honesty makes us face the dark, weak side of our humanity and inspires us to promote instead the beautiful, strong and loving side of our dignity as persons. We are talking about the fact that we are a mixture of saint and sinner. We are damaged goods.

As you know at the heart of our Faith we are offered forgiveness from God's boundless Love if we truly repent. Marvellous. This forgiveness shouldn't be taken lightly but seen for the wonderful thing it is. But in spite of such forgiveness we still carry with us sinful attitudes deep down. Lent is very much concerned with them. You know the old saying "as miserable as sin." That is very, very true even though many regard wrong-doing as attractive and not a bit miserable. Such erroneous attitudes will always catch up with us.

Catholics are sometimes accused of feeling guilty. Good! But what is worse nowadays is putting aside all sense of guilt, thus belittling the seriousness of evil and injuring us badly. Sin is the real evil. A proper sense of shame is very healthy. Why? Because **shame is calling us back to our dignity** as persons. Get that right. Isn't it very attractive? There is so much that is shameless in the world today. We have a great duty to tackle that. True repentance, a genuine change of heart is urgently required. That's Lent for you! If we all cooperated sincerely with the Grace of God, the results would be spectacular.

*Please reflect with others*

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**Lent** begins on Wednesday

**1. Ash Wednesday** Mass with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9.30am and 7pm. This day is a day of fasting and abstinence for those in good health and aged between 18 and 60.

**2. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout Lent before morning Mass from 8.30am.

**3. Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent after morning Mass, beginning 16<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to lead on Friday, please sign up on the list in the sacristy.

**4. Faith-Sharing "We Dare to Say"** is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring 5 sessions, each based on a line from the Lord's Prayer, includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions, connection of the Our Father with the sacraments and the devotional life wisdom from the saints. Copies of the booklet are available from the back of the church at cost of £4 to be placed in the 'newspapers' wall slot above the hymnbooks. Large print copies also available.

**5. Christian Meditation- Prayer of the Heart** Would you like to learn to meditate in Lent? There are opportunities to explore this either in person or on line. Do come along and join us in the Parish Hall on Monday evenings, 8pm-9pm OR there are opportunities to join groups that meet on line. To find out more, visit [www.meditatiocentrelondon.org](http://www.meditatiocentrelondon.org) or to speak to a parish contact, email [gabrieljones2015@gmail.com](mailto:gabrieljones2015@gmail.com) or [mary.howley@mail.com](mailto:mary.howley@mail.com)

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

**Readers** Next session **27<sup>th</sup> February** 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, in the church; for 10.00am Mass, no rehearsal this week.

**Mass with Anointing of the Sick** will take place today at **2.30pm**, followed by refreshments in the hall.

**Second Sunday Coffee Morning** will take place today after **8.30am** and **10.00am** Masses today.

**Monday Coffee Morning** after morning Mass in the Hall, from around **10.00am**. Come in for refreshment and a natter!

## Masses this week

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B)(World Day of Sick)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Mary Butler (Ann.)  
8.30am Andrea Drury Mangambo Malungu (LD.)  
10.00am Frida Victorian (LD.)  
11.30am John Patrick Callaghan (LD.)  
2.30pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick  
6.00pm Anna Hanlon (LD.)

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Jane Faulkner (Int.)

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

6.00pm Benny Langan (Birth Ann.)

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday)

9.30am Tom Burke (LD.)  
7.00pm Stefan Przybylski (Ann.)

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

No Mass

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Michael Keely & Tom Fitzgerald (LD)

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

No Morning Mass

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent Year B)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Sean (Jack) O'Dwyer (LD.)  
8.30am Annie Barry (Ann.)  
10.00am Francy Carr (Ann.)  
11.30am Peter McConnon (LD)  
6.00pm Marie Kiely (LD.)

**Prayers for the Sick** We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Madge Starr, Richard Chance, Sean Nally, Bridget Hopkins, 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 Jadwiga Kirchner, Tom Burke, John Patrick Callaghan, Anna Hohlon, Andrea Drury Mangambo Malungu, Bridie MGowan, Michael Keely, Tom Fitzgerald, Sen O'Dwyer, Peter McConnon and Marie Kiely. and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Mary Butler, Benny Langan, Stefan Przybylski, Annie Bary and Francy Carr. 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.** Please pray for candidates and their families during their time of preparation.

**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.

**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** Next session: Parents' meeting **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb., 8.00pm in the church.** Please note: this is a change to the timetable.

**Confirmation 2024** Preparation session for the fundraiser, **Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.** 4.00pm – 5.30pm, Parish Hall, The annual fundraiser will take place on **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 9.00am to 1.00pm**, in the parish hall and will be in aid of the Energy Project.

**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/> A Marriage preparation course will take place in March. Date still to be confirmed.

**Parents & Toddlers** Wednesday mornings, term time only, 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. **Closed this week for half term.**

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

**Towards the Synod 2024** Following on from the Synod meeting in Rome in October, we are invited to consider a couple of aspects that emerged from that meeting. The Cardinal suggests that we consider how we are tackling the renewal of our sense of mission, in the context of building up communion and widening participation. To that end a gathering of parishioners of any age is being arranged on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 7.30pm**, in the Parish Hall. The questions to address are: How do we witness as a Parish and proclaim our faith to those who have never heard of Christ, those who have ceased walking with Christ, those with whom we worship Christ (those who come to church)? How do we organise ourselves as a Parish to do this more effectively? What concrete steps/formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively? What structures may need to change? How might we need to develop the way we are organised currently?

**Are you a UK Taxpayer?** As a parish we can claim the tax back on all donations received that have been gift aided, which increases your donation at no extra cost to yourself. Gift aid forms are available at the back of the church and we ask that you fill one in and either leave in the box or return to the Parish office.

**Parish Office** will be closed over the half term break, **12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February.**

**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)