

Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Northfields

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Office Opening Hours 10.30am to 2.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

<u>Sacraments and Devotions:</u> Suspended until further notice.

Psalter Week 4

4th Sunday of Lent Year B (Laetare) (Mothering Sunday) Sunday 10th March 2024

Readings:

This Week (4th Lent Year B) Chronicles 16:14-16, Ps 136, Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21 **Next Week (5th Lent Year B)** Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ps 50:3-4, Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30

Reflection from Father Hilary. Supreme Greatness

O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will.

Do not only remember the suffering they have inflicted upon us,

but remember the gifts we gained through our sufferings -

comradeship, loyalty, courage, generosity, and the greatness of heart

that has grown out of all this.

When they come to be judged, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness.

Amen.

Found on the body of a dead child at Ravensbruck Concentration Camp where 50,000 women and children were killed by the Nazis during the Second World War.

How could one beat this fabulous statement? Please – give it a lot of thought. Hard to imagine anyone thinking like that amid the unspeakable horrors of a concentration camp – amid starvation, torture, the bodies of dead children on the ground and the certainty of being murdered. Wow! And some of us find it hard to forgive even small things! What an inspiration and challenge to us – especially a challenge to the quality of **our** love. How could we be ever complacent about our love? What a powerful commentary it is on the words of Jesus – "Love your enemies."

Please keep.

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn McNeely, whose requiem will be celebrated on Monday 11th March at 11.00am. This replaces the Mass of the day. There will be no Adoration or Coffee Morning. The Mass intention for Zofia Przybylski has moved to Tues 9th April.

Lent

- 1. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout Lent from 8.30am.
- **2. Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent after morning Mass, If you would like to lead on one of the Fridays, please sign up on the list in the sacristy.
- **3. Faith-Sharing** "We Dare to Say" 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.
- **4. 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 or to speak to a parish contact, email gabrieljones2015@gmail.com or mary.howley@mail.com
- **5. Music for Holy Week** :a) Holy Thursday and Good Friday Rehearsals for these Holy Week services will begin on Weds. 21st February, 7.30pm 9.30pm in the church. (Entrance via the Parish Office on Felton Road.) b) Easter Vigil Rehearsals on Thursdays, 7.30pm. For more information on all rehearsals please contact Anna (northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk) Singers and musicians of any age welcome.
- **6. Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross** Volunteers needed to read and mime the stations. Please sign up on the list in the sacristy. A rehearsal will take place one day after school during Holy Week.
- 7. Liturgical Ministries During Holy week and Easter Please sign up on the lists in the sacristy if you are available over the Holy Week and Easter period. Please contact Anna with any dates you may not be available between 20th/21st April until the end of July. The new rota will be available 13th/14th April.

Energy Project Fundraiser Thank You A huge thank you for your support last weekend. An amazing £1986.42 was raised!

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

Masses this week

Sunday 10th March (4th Sunday Lent Year B)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Denis O'Shea (LD.) 8.30am Stephen Jorden (LD.) 10.00am Bridie Lydon (LD.) 11.30am Bridie McGowan (LD.) 6.00pm Nuala Hirth (LD.)

Monday 11th March

11.00am Funeral Evelyn McNeely RIP

Tuesday 12th March

6.00pm Margaret & Pat Farrell (RIP.)

Wednesday 13th March

9.30am Ivan Mahon-Smith (Ann.)

Thursday 14th March No Mass

Friday 15th March (St John of God)

9.30am Gillian Owens (Get Well.)

Saturday 16th March No Morning Mass

Sunday 17th March (4th Sunday Lent Year B)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Maura Percival (Ann.) 8.30am Patricia Kearney (LD.)

10.00am Lorenzo Demarco Robinson (Ann.) 11.30am Elizabeth & Patrick Owens (Ann.)

6.00pm Kathleen Bierney (LD.)

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers, , Elizabeth (Betty) O'Sullivan, 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: Enrico Filip Saturnino, Peter Devlin, Christopher Kell, Denis O'Shea, Stephen Jorden, Bridie McGowan, Patricia Kearney, and Kathleen Bierney. and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Jadwiga Treszka, Zofia Przybylski, Ivan Mahon-Smith, Maura Percival, Lorenzo Demarco Robinson, Elizabeth & Patrick Owens, and Tom Hartnett. 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. 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. Next course will begin in April.

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 Children's session, 'Peter' Group, Weds. 13th, 6.00pm – 7.15pm, Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2024 Next preparation session for the fundraiser, Sun. 24th. 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/ A Marriage preparation course will take place on 16th and 23rd March, 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Please register with Anna at northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk

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 19th March at 6.30pm. Please contact Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk)

Readers Next session 12th March Also, more adult readers needed for all Masses Please contact Anna or Deacon Andrew for more information.

Flower Arranging There will be a workshop for Easter flowers in the church on **Sat. 3th March**, 10.00 – 11.30am in the Parish Hall. Please sign up on the list in the sacristy by Sun. 24th March. Any age and any ability welcome.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2.30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and every year after, wedding anniversary of a Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend, please contact the parish office with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email address or telephone number if no email

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.

London Irish Social Group- Parish hall, **Thursday's 10am to 12.45pm, 14th March** St Patricks day, Northfields. **Tuesday 12th March**, Tea Dance at **Camden**. All Welcome. Contact Maria Connolly or Mary Whelan-O'Neill on 07592508680.

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