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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

5th Sunday of Lent Year B (St Patrick's Day)

Sunday 17th March 2024

Readings:

This Week (5th Lent Year B) Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ps 50:3-4, Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30

Next Week (Palm Sunday Year B) Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps 21:8-9, Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Reflection from Father Hilary. True & False Self-Esteem

Yes, there is a true and false kind. It is important to recognise the difference. The dignity of our God-given humanity is the source of the true self-esteem of every person. We should all have a great sense of our own self-esteem and that of others. This means having no bigheadedness since we owe all to God. Having a low self-esteem can do us a lot of damage. Every one of us is precious and loveable in God's eyes. You mustn't, then, have a different view to him! You must not belittle yourself because of doubts about your worth as a person.

Thus we must love ourselves. Otherwise the Lord would not say to us "love your neighbour as yourself." There is all the difference, of course, between loving our true self and our false, selfish self! Christ cannot mean the latter! Love of self is essential for loving God and others.

However, nowadays, people misuse the word self-esteem. If someone, say, in public view in the media or in business is justifiably cut down to size for something, it is said that it's a blow to their self-esteem – meaning their Ego is deflated. Now, that's an example of an utterly false self-esteem and the sooner it is got rid of, the better! Indeed, in so far as any of us behave out of foolish pride, arrogance or selfishness, feeding our Ego, we are exercising false self-esteem which strikes at the dignity of our true self-esteem. Be clear about that with regard to putting others right as well as ourselves. Whenever human beings put themselves at the centre of the universe, there is always plenty of false self-esteem. But if we put God in the centre and let ourselves be centred on Him, then for sure we will be rooted in our true selves. Our self-esteem will have true beauty.

Please pray on this.

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the souls of **Peter Devlin**, whose requiem will be celebrated on **Tuesday 18th March at 11.00am**. The Mass intention for Christine & Eileen Cremin has moved to **Tuesday 26th March**.

Eurico Saturnino whose requiem will be celebrated on **Friday 22nd March at 11.00am**. The Mass intention for Jimmy Hickey has moved to **Sunday 5th May at 11.30am**. These Masses replace the Mass of the day. There will be no Adoration or Stations of the Cross on these days.

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.meditationcentreondon.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 Thursday this week, then Tuesday 26th, 7.30pm. For more information on all rehearsals please contact Anna (northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk) Singers and musicians of any age welcome.

6. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) There will be a visiting priest to celebrate the sacrament on **Sat. 23rd March**, 10.00am to 11am.

7. 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.

8. 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.

Masses this week

Sunday 17th March (5th 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.)

Monday 18th March (St Cyril of Jerusalem)

9.30am Thomas Spillane (Ann.)

Tuesday 19th March (St Joseph)

11.00am *Funeral* Peter Devlin RIP

Wednesday 20th March

9.30am Sr Josephine Brannigan

Thursday 21st March

No Mass

Friday 22nd March

11.15am *Funeral* Eurico Saturnino RIP

Saturday 23rd March

No Morning Mass

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday Lent Year B)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Kathleen Bierney (LD.)

8.30am Pat O'Neil (Ann.)

10.00am Jeronimo Fernandes (Ann.)

11.30am Wasyl & Italia Dupelycz (Ann.)

6.00pm Paul O'Neil (Ann.)

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers, , Jane Finnegan, 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 June Bharath, Gerry Kelly, Patricia Kearney and Kathleen Bierney. and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Maura Percival, Lorenzo Demarco Robinson, Elizabeth & Patrick Owens, Tom Hartnett, Thomas Spillane, Pat O'Neil, Jeronimo Fernandes, Wasyl & Italia Dupelycz and Paul O'Neil. 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, 'Paul' Group, **Weds. 20th**, 6.00pm – 7.15pm, Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2024 Next preparation session, **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/>

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 **16th April** 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. 30th 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.

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**, All Welcome. Contact Maria Connolly or Mary Whelan-O'Neill on 07592508680.

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th -26th July 2024 Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage let by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 7798 9173. Option to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

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