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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

Palm Sunday Year B

Sunday 24th March 2024

Readings:

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

Next Week (Easter Sunday Year B) Acts 10:34, Ps 117:1-2, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Reflection from Father Hilary. The Stupendous Wonder of Holy Week

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (John 12)

Surely the most joyful, thrilling, fascinating, encouraging, challenging, loving, uplifting, unbelievable, cheerful and ecstatic statement ever made! Exaggerated? Surely not when you remember 1) it is uttered by God the Son as Man; and 2) it refers to each person individually. The fact that He embraces **all** doesn't alter one iota the fact that his whole love is concentrated on **each one personally**. Once again, however, let me ask: "Do we believe this – really believe it 100%?" I wonder. If people did, wouldn't there be greater evidence of it in their convictions and living? Wouldn't we see the powerful virtues of Hope, so urgent, be more manifest? And as for the crowning virtue of Love, wouldn't we all be so impressed and so influenced by the boundless, unconditional Love of the Lord as expressed in his words above that we would take much more seriously our own growth in that Love and start living it much better? We must be critical of any coldness and ingratitude in our love – of God and of others.

Well, if we are **really** sincere about Love as the most urgent and necessary thing for the world, then **we will allow the Fire of God's Love to purge away the dross of so much that is unloving in us**. And that's painful. But it will prove whether we are honest or not. And don't forget such purging will then lead to the most beautiful and attractive Christlike Love – flowering in us like never before. The Cross of Christ and the Cross in our lives is the greatest Power of all – the Power of Love.

Contemplate and pray on this.

Please keep for prayerful reflection.

Lent

- 1. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place on Monday, Wednesday of this week only from 8.30am.
- 2. 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
- 3. Music for Holy Week :a) Holy Thursday and Good Friday** Rehearsals for these Holy Week services Monday, 7pm – 8.00pm and Weds., 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the church. (Entrance via the Parish Office on Felton Road.) **b) Easter Vigil** Rehearsal on Tuesday 26th, 7.30pm. For more information on all rehearsals please contact Anna (northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk) Singers and musicians of any age welcome.
- 4. Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross** Volunteers needed to read and mime the stations. Please sign up by the end of this weekend. A rehearsal will take place on **Weds., 4.30pm**, in the church.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 the end of this weekend. Any age and any ability welcome.

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 **23rd April 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.

Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 28th until Monday 15th April. Emails and phone message will be checked during this time.

British Summer Time begins next weekend. Remember to put your clocks forward!

Masses this week

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday 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.)

Monday 25th March

9.30am Margery Farrell (Get Well.)

Tuesday 26th March

6.00pm Christy & Eileen Cremin (RIP) *Moved from 19/3/24*

Wednesday 27th March

9.30am Peter Devlin (LD)

Thursday 28th March (Holy Thursday)

8.00pm Philipiah Thevapalan (LD)

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy
8.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 30th March (Holy Saturday)

8.00pm Kevin Percival (Ann)

Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday Year B)

8.30am Robert Andall (Ann.)
10.00am Margaret Fitzgerald (Get Well)
11.30am Charles Merritt (Ann.)

No Evening Mass

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 Bridget Carr, Kathleen Bierney, Peter Devlin, Philipiah Thevapalan and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including, Pat O'Neil, Jeronimo Fernandes, Wasyl & Italia Dupelycz, Paul O'Neil, Christy & Eileen Cremin, Kevin Percival, Robert Andall and Charles Merritt. 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 The next sessions take place after easter: **weds. 1st April;** Workshop **Sat 20th April** (afternoon) or **Sat. 27th April** (morning) Parish Hall. Details will be sent out via e-mail.

Confirmation 2024 Next preparation session, **today.** 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/>

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- Will be closed this Thursday 28th March and back on Thursday 4th April at the new time of 11am to 1.45pm . Parish hall. All Welcome. Contact Maria Connolly or Mary Whelan-O'Neill on 07592508680.

Beginning Experience Weekend If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 13th to 15th October 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. This is easily reached by road or by the new Elizabeth Line. If you would like more details of the weekend, please ring Maura 07795-498445 or Mary 020-8647 4760 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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 To be received by **12th April 2024.**

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th -26th July 2024 Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led 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.**

Greenery Needed For Easter Flower arrangements, especially trailing Ivy. Please leave by the garage in the car park on Thursday.

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