Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Northfields

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Office Opening Hours Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday 10.30am to 2.30pm

Sacraments and Devotions:
Sacraments: on enquiry; devotions : Rosary after morning weekday Mass.

In case you are admitted to hospital……..
In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

Psalter week 4

12th Sunday Year A (Fathers' Day)
Sunday 21st June 2026

Readings This Week (12th Sunday) Jeremiah 20:10-13, Ps 69(68); Romans 5:12:-15; Matthew 10:26-33
Readings for Next (Sts Peter and Paul) Acts 12:1-11, Ps 34(33); Timothy 4:6-8; Matthew 16:13-19

Reflection from Fr. Hilary Being Cut Down to Size

With the many great achievements of Science and Technology, certain people have felt that Man can now do anything, perfect anything, overcome all sorts of limitations and so feel nice and smug. Of course, we should delight greatly in the marvellous benefits of Science and Technology. But then it happens – the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and elsewhere and the Volcanoes of Iceland and elsewhere and then the Coronavirus, and the whole human race feels utterly helpless. The unpredictable aspect of it and the random timing show up our vulnerability.

Then there is the fact that Science and Technology can do nothing to prevent Death. They can now add a few years to life but that's no big deal. The Cistercian monk, Thomas Merton, says that our helplessness in the face of death is more pitiable in this age because Man can do almost anything except escape death. If we were unable to escape so many other things we would face death better. But our many achievements have only strengthened people's illusion that we can cling to life but without taking away our unconscious fear of death. Please stop and think on that.

So, the human race is cut down to size. And a good thing too! That's our correct size. Yes, I mean it because today so many try to "play god". As I heard a person say once "I believe in the divinity of Man" when asked did they believe in the Divinity. How pathetic! Yes, it is a truly great blessing to have people cut down to size from their bloated, big-headed position. That's to keep us all in our proper place. Those who have been in that proper place for a long time can show the others how attractive it is to be in that humble and dignified state under the One True God.

Please keep for reflection.

Parish Centenary Celebrations, 21st – 28th June – Events and arrangements

1. Mass with Cardinal Vincent Nichols will take place on **today at 11.30am**

2. Flower Festival, next week - 26th & 27th June! Theme :'Rooted: A Festival of 100 Years of Faith. Opening times: Friday: 10.30am to 5.00pm; Saturday: 10.00am – 4.00pm. Full details on a separate flier. Donations accepted by contactless: under 'Flowers' or cash in the labelled buckets.

Help with Promotion We would like to ask for the parish's support in spreading the word and inviting the wider community to attend the festival. To that end we have posters and fliers at the back of the church for people to take and pass on to friends, family and neighbours. Perhaps you know of a community noticeboard, a local club or business that would be willing to put up a poster for us. We also have a Facebook Event under *Rooted Flower Festival, Northfields* which we would love you to share Thank you in advance for all your help! The links are : https://fb.me/e/3DL36BP9N or the QR code above left.

3. Parish Party to celebrate the parish feast day and centenary, a party will take place after 11.30am Mass to 6pm on **28th June**. Food, bar (cash only), music and children's entertainer! Please note the car park will be closed from after evening Mass on Saturday until the end of the party. There will be no Sunday evening Mass on this day. **Helpers for refreshments needed.**

Confirmation Fundraiser Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the fundraiser last Sunday in aid of Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter. To date, just over £1324 has been raised. Raffles winners will be contacted asap. If you still wish to contribute, you may do so by contactless, under 'Night Shelter', this and next weekends only.

SVP Coffee morning Donuts for Dads… Today in the parish hall after all morning Masses (8.30am, 10.00am and 11.30am) to celebrate dads on Fathers' Day.

London Irish Social Group **No Club this week**. The club runs weekly on a Thursdays from **11am – 2pm.** Contact Maria Connolly on 07592508680.

Masses over the next Week

Sunday 21st June (12th Sunday Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Maureen Fleming (LD.)
8.30am The Gahan Family (Ann.)
10.00am People of the Parish
11.30am Grace Corrigan (Ann.)
6.00pm John Cooke (1st Ann).

Monday 22nd June (Sts John Fisher & Thomas More)
9.30am Isaiah and Family (Birthday)

Tuesday 23rd June (St Etheldreda)
6.00pm

Wednesday 24th June
9.30am Emma McConigley (Ann.)

Thursday 25th June
No Mass

Friday 26th June
9.30am Thank you to all Parish Volunteers

Saturday 27th June (St Cyril of Alexandria)
No Mass

Sunday 28th June (Sts. Peter & Paul Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Carmina Fernandes (Ann.)
8.30am Colm Brennan (Ann.)
10.00am Doreen Foley (Ann.)
11.30am Patrick McGee (Ann.)
NO EVENING MASS

Prayers for the Sick We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Sheila Henderson, Betty O'Sullivan, Jadzia Stevens, Sally & Mick Chapman, Ellie O'Connor, Maria DeMarco, Denis Barry, Lauren Guidera, Eddie Jansz, Angela D'Souza, Richard Chance, Sean Nally, Aimi McEwan, Anna Keane, Barbara Lennon Snr, Geraldine Davison, Cerys Edwards, Donna O'Hagan, Ann Hagan, Alan Worman. M.S., Margaret Adu, Therese Biks, Shantha Kumari, Sagundala Devi, Victor Young, Ernst Barroclough, Barry Kiernan, Jane Spur, Sr Nichola Lovett MMS. Pat Regan.
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 those who have recently died Maureen Fleming, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time The Gahan Family, Grace Corrigan, John Cooke, Emma McConigley, Carmina Fernandes, Colm Brennan, Doreen Foley and Patrick McGee . 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 anywhere in the world. For more information, please contact Anna preferably by e-mail initially (above). Final course before the summer begins 30th June.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10am Mass, term time**.** Please note: Liturgy is aimed at children aged 3 -7 (Nursery to Year 2) and is a celebration and catechesis centred on the Gospel of the day, mirroring what is happening in the main church. Parents who accompany their children are expected to help their children to engage fully in this celebration. **More volunteers required now**. Please contact Anna for further information initially by e-mail. A DBS check is required for this role. Contact the parish Safeguarding reps. (see below.) **There will be no Liturgy today.**

Confirmation 2026 Please pray for the candidates and their families as they approach the celebration on 12th July with Bishop James Curry.

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. Next session to be arranged.

Thinking of Getting Married in the Catholic Church? Please note that **at least 6 months' notice** is required wherever your marriage is taking place. For further initial information, please go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/sacramental-prep/marriage-preparation/

Aged 16 or over, Catholic and never been confirmed? If this describes you and you would like to be confirmed, contact Anna, preferably by e-mail (northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk) or phone/text on 07787 048144 Sessions will be arranged for baptised Catholic adults aged 16 and over who are looking to be confirmed. Please contact Anna.

Liturgical Ministries

(Contact details: Deacon Andrew andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk; Anna northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk or 07787 048144)

a) Altar Servers New recruits required. Anyone of any age – from 8 to 80+! - eligible as long as First Communion has been celebrated. Training : **Date to be advised** . Please contact Deacon Andrew as above for more information

b) Readers We are now recruiting new readers, both adult and young people, to cover all weekend Masses. Training continues on **16th June,** 6.30pm, in the church. Please contact Deacon Andrew for more information.

c) Ministers of Eucharist are needed to serve in the distribution of Holy Communion at all weekend Masses. Please see Fr Jim, Deacon Andrew or Anna if you'd like to know more about what is involved.

d) Music in Mass Rehearsals in the church are as follows: for Sunday 10.00am Mass, Thursdays, 7.30pm; 11.30am Mass, Wednesdays 7.30pm. Musicians and singers of all ages welcome!

Parents & Toddlers Wednesday mornings, term time only, in the Parish Hall, 9.30am – 11.30am, 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 (northfields@rcdow.org.uk) in the office if you are interested.

Help Needed . A local Care Home would like to invite people to drop in on a casual basis, interact and chat with the residents. For more information, please call Elizabeth (0208 567 1415) or Hazel (0208 567 9595).

Safeguarding **The Parish reps** are Susie Worthington, northfieldssg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk and Tracy Patterson northfieldssg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Please note: the **taking of photos or recording in any way during Mass is strictly prohibited,** in accordance with Safeguarding policies.