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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 3

15th Sunday Year A
Sunday 12th July 2026

Readings This Week (15th Sunday) Isaiah 55:10-11, Ps 65(64); Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23
Readings for Next Week (16th Sunday) Wisdom 12:13, Ps 86(85); Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

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 keep

Centenary Mass and Flower Festival For a news story and photographs from the Centenary Mass and Flower Festival, go to https://rcdow.org.uk/news/celebrating-one-hundred-years-of-northfields-parish/,

Message from Cardinal Vincent Dear all**,** I thoroughly enjoyed the celebration and came away full of admiration for all the hard work that had gone into its preparation and prayerfulness. I hope the actual anniversary and the parish party went off just a happily and joyfully. My thanks to you and to all who assist you for all that is done and achieved in the life of this parish! With my thanks and warmest greetings. + Vincent

Message from the Flower Group The Flower Group would like to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the flower festival. The creativity, hard work and positive energy that everyone brought to the festival was what made it such a special event. So to all of you who helped with flowers, logistics, singing, greeting visitors and making tea - thank you so much!

Season of Creation: For anyone interested in helping out with the next flower project then we would welcome you to join us for a cuppa and a casual chat about initial ideas for September's Season of Creation. We'll be at the Monday coffee morning **after Mass on 13th July**. Hope to see you there.

Your parish needs you! New recruits of all ages are needed in the following areas: readers, altar servers, ministers of Holy Communion (minimum age 16), catechists (minimum age 18). Please contact Anna (northfieldscat@rcdow.rg.uk) or Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk) Training and formation will take place in the Autumn.

Music in Mass The music ministry is taking a break over the Summer after this weekend. We thank them for their dedication throughout the year in enhancing the message of the liturgy through music and song.

'Second Sunday' Coffee Morning takes place today in the parish hall after 8.30am and 10.00am Masses.

Petitions for Lourdes If you would like petitions to be taken to Lourdes, please submit them to the parish office by the end of **this weekend**. They will be taken on the diocesan pilgrimage beginning 17th July. **Please do not enclose cash.**

Masses over the next Week

Sunday 12th July (15th Sunday Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Bernard Shand (Ann.)
8.30am Deceased members of the Holden Family
10.00am Halina Lozinska (Ann.)
11.30am Mr & Mrs Barney Carr (Ann.)
3.00pm Confirmation Mass
6.00pm **No Evening Mass**

Monday 13th July (St Henry)
9.30am Frank Faulkner (Sp Int.)

Tuesday 14th July (St Camillus de Lellis)
6.00pm Bridie Ryan (RIP Ann.)

Wednesday 15th July (St Bonaventure)
9.30am Michael Chute (Int.)

Thursday 16th July (Our Lady of Mount Carmel.).)
No Mass

Friday 17th July
9.30am Barbara Lennon (LD.)

Saturday 18th July
No Mass

Sunday 19th July (16th Sunday Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Patrick Butler (LD.)
8.30am Mary O'Gorman (L.D)
10.00am James Frain (LD.)
11.30am Richard Armstrong (Birth Ann.)
6.00pm Josie Connery (LD)

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, Geraldine Davison, Cerys Edwards, Donna O'Hagan, Ann Hagan, Alan Worman. M.S., Margaret Adu, Therese Biks, Shantha Kumari, Sagundala Devi, 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 Barbara Lennon Snr, Josie Connery James Frain, Mary O'Gorman and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, Mary O'Neill, Mr & Mrs Michael Carr, Pat O'Neill, Bernard Shand, Halina Lozinska, Mr & Mrs Barney Carr, Emma McConigley . 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). The next course will take place in the Autumn.

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.) No Liturgy this week. Liturgy resumes in September.

Confirmation 2026 Please pray for the 31 candidates and their families as they celebrate **today** at 3.00pm 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 14th July, 7pm, Parish House.

London Irish Social Group . The club runs weekly on a Thursdays from **11am – 2pm.** Contact Maria Connolly on 07592508680.

Ealing Homeless/Soup Kitchen in aid of Ealing homeless, please donate toiletries, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste etc. Please place donations in the box provided in the church porch.

Parents & Toddlers **Last one this week until September.** 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).

First Communion & Confirmation Preparation 2026-2027 Application forms are available to collect from the back of the church. **Please note the strict deadline for the return of the forms: the end of Sunday 2nd August.** This is to give time to make preliminary arrangements. Please only apply if you live within the parish boundaries or attend Mass here regularly. For First Communion children in the new academic year, need to be in Year 3 at school or above; for Confirmation, Years 9 to 11. **Please read the forms carefully before completing them.**

Proclaiming God's Word A morning of reflection on the ministry of reading will take place at the Niland Centre, Rosary Priory, Bushey, 10.00am – 1.00pm, **Sat. 12th September.** For booking and further information go to https://rcdow.org.uk/event/proclaiming-gods-word-exploring-the-ministry-of-reading/

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.