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Office Opening Hours Closed

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 & 1

The Assumption and 21st Sunday Year A
Sunday 16th and 23rd August 2026

Readings This Week (Assumption) Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a, Ps 45, 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
Readings for Next Week (21st Sunday) Isaiah 22:-15, Ps 138(137); Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20
Readings for following week (22nd Sunday) Jeremiah 20:7-9; Ps 63(62), Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the souls of: 1) **Barbara Lennon** whose body will be received into the church on **Tuesday 18th August at 7pm** and requiem will be celebrated on **Wednesday 19th July at 11am** and
2) **Paula Richardson** whose requiem will be celebrated on **Monday 24th August at 10.30am.** These replace the scheduled Mass of each day.

Weekend Masses during August Please note that there will be **no Sunday evening Mass.**

Liturgical Ministries

(Contact details for information: Deacon Andrew andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk; Anna northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk or 07787 048144). Training will begin in September.

a) Altar Servers & Readers New recruits required. Anyone of any age – from 8 to 80+! - eligible as long as First Communion has been celebrated. Training involves fortnightly sessions on Tuesday evenings after evening Mass. Please contact Deacon Andrew.

b) Eucharistic Ministers In order to be able to offer the option of Communion under both kinds (ie. the Body and Blood of Christ), more parishioners are needed. If you'd like to know more, please contact either Deacon Andrew or Anna.

c) Ministries of Reader and Eucharist Please sign up your availability over the summer break up to 19th/20th September. Please give Anna details of your availability between 26th/27th September and 19th/20th December by the beginning of September for the new rota to be compiled. Thank you!

Monday Morning Coffee and Chat running **Monday 17th and 31st**, **Closed 24th August**. Why not come to morning Mass and then meet with fellow parishioners in the Parish Hall? Or just come along for the coffee! Bring a friend!

Watering of Church Flower Pots. Could you help out with watering the flower pots during this hot weather? Please contact Bob Gowans on 07931587994.

Catechists In order to provide regular sessions with children and young people for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion and Confirmation, as well as providing faith enriching opportunities such as Children's Liturgy and Religious Education for Children in Non-Catholic Schools, and to comply with Safeguarding guidelines regarding adult: child ratios a large team of catechists/group leaders is needed for September, not comprised only of parents of candidates. Eligibility: 18 years of age and above. **A DBS check processed by the diocese is required for these roles.** In order to equip new volunteers well with formation, training and support, it is desirable that we know **as soon as possible** who may be interested in this particular and most important ministry of guiding and accompanying candidates along their sacramental journey and deepening their relationship with Christ. If you would like to know more, please contact Anna, preferably by e-mail in the first instance: northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk) to arrange a chat at a mutually convenient time. Training will be arranged to take place early autumn covering various aspects of catechesis.

London Irish Social Group Closed for a few weeks, back again on **3rd September**. The club runs weekly on a Thursday from **11am – 2pm**. Contact Maria Connolly on 07592508680.

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).

The Passage Are looking for Men's Jeans and jogging bottoms, if you have any please call Elizabeth (0208 567 1415).

Venezuela Appeal The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which includes CAFOD, has launched an appeal to raise vital funds for communities affected by the earthquake in June. For more information and ways to donate, go to : https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal . Please also keep those affected by this disaster in your prayers.

Masses over the next Fortnight

Sunday 16th August (The Assumption of the Blessd Virgin Mary)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Barbara Lennon (LD.)
8.30am
10.00am Denis Larkin (Ann.)
11.30am Martin & Bridget McInerney (Ann.)

Monday 17th August
9.30am Michael Higgins (Int.)

Tuesday 18th August
6.00pm Elaine Dempsey (Int.)

Wednesday 19th August (St John Eudes)
11.00am *Funeral* Barbara Lennon *RIP*

Thursday 20th August (St Bernard)
No Mass

Friday 21st August (St Pius X)
9.30am Rosaleen Smyth (LD.)

Saturday 22rd August (Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
No Morning Mass

Sunday 23rd August (21st Sunday Year A)
6.00pm (Sat.) Gwen O'Connor (Months Mind)
8.30am
10.00am Patrick & Eileen O'Brien & Family
11.30am Carmel Elliot (Birthday.)

Monday 24th August (St Bartholomew)
10.30am *Funeral* Paula Richardson *RIP*

Tuesday 25th August (St Louis; St Joseph Calasanz)
6.00pm

Wednesday 26th August (Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God)
9.30am

Thursday 27th August (St Monica)
No Mass

Friday 28th August (St Augustine)
9.30am

Saturday 29th August (The Passion of St John the Baptist)
No Morning 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, 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, Barbara Lennon, Rosaleen Smyth, Paula Richardson and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time Martin & Bridget McInerney, Denis Larkin, 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 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. For more information, please contact Anna preferably by e-mail initially. The next course will take place in October.

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. Liturgy resumes in September.

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.

Getting Married? Please note that at least 6 months' notice is required wherever your marriage is taking place. Church paperwork should be completed in the parish where you live. 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.

First Communion & Confirmation Preparation 2026-2027 Applications are now closed. If you have missed the deadline (2nd August), please contact Anna as a matter of urgency.

Date for your diary! **Sat. 19th September, 3pm, Parish Hall:** A screening event of 'National Emergency Briefing'. (https://www.nebriefing.org/) More information in the next newsletter!

Faith Sharing Group Leaders Gathering **Saturday 12th September, 2:00-5:00pm, St Monica's, Palmers Green**
This day is particularly aimed at current or aspiring Faith Sharing Group Leaders. We will have a first look at autumn's Faith Sharing Resource and hear about how Faith Sharing Groups work in different parishes. For more information and to book please scan:

'Called to Serve' An opportunity for current and prospective catechists, Caritas volunteers and those who work in youth ministry to come together to reflect on and celebrate their ministry, keynote speaker will be Fr Patrick van der Vorst (founder of Christian Art).**Sat. 3rd October,** SPEC, 125, Waxwell Lane, Pinner, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Booking in advance encouraged as places are limited. Contact Warren at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

Parish Office will be closed till September 2nd, there will be ad hoc cover during this period, please email or phone if you need to come in. Emails and phone messages will be checked during this time.