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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 2

22nd Sunday Year A
Sunday 30th August 2026

Readings This Week (22nd Sunday) Jeremiah 20:7-9; Ps 63(62), Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27
Readings for Next Week (23rd Sunday) Ezekiel 33:7-9, Ps 95(94); Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Reflection from Father Hilary. Getting God Right

On Sunday 6th September I will be starting a series of articles entitled "Getting God Right". In fact, eleven articles in all – yes eleven! You'll ask am I implying we get God wrong? Well, it is possible. Or, let's put it this way – to get God **more** right. I'm writing this introduction to appeal to you strongly to cooperate by **studying** the articles and keeping them. Every sentence matters . I don't go in for padding. There is none. Getting God ever more right gives us the best outlook on the whole of life. Everything in our life is influenced by the notion we have of God. As we all stand before God, we need the attitude of profound humbleness. What helps us enormously of course are the insights we get from Jesus himself.

Weekend Masses during August Please note that there will be **no Sunday evening Mass.** Evening Mass resumes 6th September.

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.

Liturgical Ministries
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 31st 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!

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.

Season of Creation 1st September to 4th October The *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, celebrated on 1 September, is the official start of the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. For more information go to https://seasonofcreation.org/, for a free downloadable prayer book go to https://laudatosimovement.org/prayer-book/ Copies of Pope Leo's message are available from the back of the church. and a prayer card..

Climate Crisis **Would you like to know more about the climate crisis and what can be done about it?** Join us for a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing - an eye-opening 50-minute film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like: extreme weather, food security, health and the cost of living. The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK. After the film there will be an open discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do locally. **NB: This screening is strictly for ages 16+** and will take place in St Peter and Paul's church hall on **September 19th at 3.30 pm.** Entry is by free ticket from https://buytickets.at/stpeterandpaulnorthfields/2376137 or scan the QR code.

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.

Masses over the next Week

Sunday 30th August (22nd Sunday Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Paula Richardson (LD.)
8.30am Kathleen Walsh (1st Ann.)
10.00am People of the Parish
11.30am Gwen O'Connor (LD.)
6.00pm **No Evening Mass**

Monday 31st August (St Aidan & Saints of Lindisfarne)
10.00am Veronica Simmonds (Get Well.)

Tuesday 1st September
6.00pm Maria DeMarco (LD)

Wednesday 2nd September
9.30am

Thursday 3rd September (St Gregory the Great)
No Mass

Friday 4th September (St Cuthbert)
9.30am Mary Quinn (LD.)

Saturday 5th September (St Teresa of Calcutta)
No Mass

Sunday 6th September (23rd Sunday Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Paula Richardson (LD.)
8.30am John Conlon (RIP.)
10.00am
11.30am Barbara Lennon (LD.)
6.00pm Betty Tully (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, 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 Maureen Waters, Maria DeMarco, Mary Quinn, Peggy McKeown and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, Kathleen Walsh, John Conlon, 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. Those who have applied, begin to check e-mails from 2nd September for details of information meetings that will be taking place soon and other arrangements

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.

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.

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).

Make Your Voice Heard The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons, seeking to legalise assisted suicide. MPs vote on Friday, 11 September 2026, so please consider contacting your MP by using this link: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ or collecting and sending a postcard from the back of the church

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/ There will be a further opportunity on **31st October,** 10.00am – 1.00pm, at Vaughan House, (behind Westminster Cathedral).

Faith Sharing Group Leaders' Gathering Sat. 12 September, 2:00-5:00pm, St Monica's, Palmers Green. This day is aimed at current or aspiring Faith Sharing Group Leaders. . For more information and to book please scan:

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.