# 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 1

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# 25th Sunday Year A (Home Mission Sunday)
## Sunday 20th September 2026

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**Readings This Week (25th Sunday)** Isaiah 55:6-9, Ps 145(144); Philippians 1:20c-24; Matthew 20:1-16
**Readings for Next Week (26th Sunday)** Ezekiel 18:25-28, Ps 25(24); Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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## Reflection from Father Hilary. Getting God Right (3)

I hesitate to use big words as they could put some people off! But let me use two words here and apply them to God because they are crucial in the task of getting God right. The words are Transcendence an Immanence.

**Transcendent:-** This emphasises that God is beyond all we can ever know or experience. God is "Other". He is very different, utterly unique. Everything we can think or say about Him is always incomplete, woefully inadequate. Yes, He is Almighty, He is Love, Beauty, Goodness, Truth, but not in the imperfect way in which we perceive these. He IS these in infinite perfection. All language about God conceals more than it reveals. We have to resist the tendency to make God in our image. The truth is we are made in His Image. God is Transcendent.

**Immanent: -** Not imminent but Immanent! This underlines the fact that God is present in the whole of His creation. God is IN all things by his sustaining power and caring Love. He has to be because otherwise nothing at all and nobody could possibly exist. There would be nothingness. "God is nearer to us than we are to ourselves". Then, at a deeper lever, full of warmth and love, we have that wonderful closeness God desires with us as indicated by the words of Jesus "if anyone loves me he will keep my Word and my Father will love him and we shall come to him and make our home in him." God is Immanent."

So there you have it. Transcendent and Immanent are not mutually exclusive. They are complementary. Both must be kept in view at all times. To play down either of them is definitely to get God wrong. Please note that carefully. To finish, here is a beautiful summing up of it all by the poet, Francis Thompson:-

O World Invisible, we view Thee
O world Intangible, we touch Thee
O world Unknowable, we know Thee
Inapprehensible, we clutch Thee.

Please Keep

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## 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) 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), Please contact Anna (northfieldscat@rcdow.rg.uk ) or Deacon Andrew (andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk) Training and formation will begin as follows, all after 6pm Mass:

**Readers** Tuesday 6th October
**Altar Servers** Tuesday 13th October

**b) Ministries of Reader and Eucharist** A new rota is available to collect from the sacristy this weekend. Please take a copy away with you.

**Catechists** are desperately needed **now** to help lead or support sacramental preparation and passing on the faith to various age groups. We are all called through our baptism to witness to our faith and to 'Go, make disciples'. 'Perfect' knowledge of the faith not required, but rather a passion for sharing our faith. For more no obligation information contact Anna as a matter of urgency

**Music in Mass** New singers and musicians welcome of all ages. Rehearsals in the church as follows : for 11.30am Mass: Weds. 7.30pm (entrance via Parish Office, Felton Road); for 10.00am Mass: Thurs, 7.30pm.

**Monday Morning Coffee and Chat** 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!

## Masses over the next Week

**Sunday 20th September (25th Sunday Year A)**
*(Sat.)* 6.00pm Salman & Family (Sp Int.)
8.30am Yvonne Jones (LD.)
10.00am Tommy Duffy (Sp Int.)
11.30am Noreen & Christine Sinclair (Ann.)
6.00pm Betty Tully (LD.)

**Monday 21st September (St Matthew)**
9.30am Maria De Marco (LD.)

**Tuesday 22nd September**
6.00pm People of the Parish

**Wednesday 23rd September (St Pius of Pietrelcina)**
9.30am Tommy Duffy (Sp Int.)

**Thursday 24th September (Our Lady of Walsingham)**
**No Mass**

**Friday 25th September**
9.30am Michael Clerkin (Ann.)

**Saturday 26th September(Sts Cosmas & Damian)**
**No Mass**

**Sunday 27th September (26th Sunday Year A)**
*(Sat.)* 6.00pm Rose McNicholas (LD.)
8.30am Mary McGee (LD.)
10.00am Maria DeMarco (LD.)
11.30am Peggy Hoonjan (Sp Int.)
6.00pm Oliver Lennon (Ann.)

**Prayers for the Sick** We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Tommy Duffy, 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, 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 Cath Walsh, Peggy McKeown, Mary McGee, Yvonne Jones and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, Noreen & Christine Sinclair, Michael Clerkin, Oliver Lennon. 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. More helpers urgently needed to be able to continue weekly term time provision.

**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.

**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, please check e-mails – including junk folders – for latest information.

**Season of Creation** This year's Season of Creation, *Immersion in Living Water*, urges us to protect God's gift of water. As a parish, we are invited to pray, learn, and respond - challenging pollution, supporting conservation, and standing with communities whose access to safe water is under threat, so that living water may flow where people and ecosystems are most in need. As part of this year's campaign, we will be focusing on the work of CAFOD in Zimbabwe. If any parishioners have any fabric from Southern Africa which we could borrow for our display, it would be greatly appreciated. – Flower Group.

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

**'Called to Serve' Day** for parish catechists, youth workers, and social action volunteers, **Sat, 3rd. October,** Westminster Youth Retreat Centre, Pinner. For more details see the poster in the porch or go to https://rcdow.org.uk/event/called-to-serve-day-for-catechists-youth-leaders-and-caritas-volunteers-2/ Requested donation £10. If you are interested in going, please e-mail Anna.

**'Proclaiming the Word of God'** A morning of formation for readers, 10.00am – 1.00pm, Vaughan House, 46, Francis Street, London (Nearest tube : Victoria), **Sat 31st October.** More information: https://rcdow.org.uk/event/proclaiming-gods-word-exploring-the-ministry-of-reading-2/

**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.

**Lift to mass needed** Partially sighted local parishioner is looking for a lift to any weekend mass. If you can help please contact Ann at **SVP** on 07979696356.

**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.