# 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 3

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# 23rd Sunday Year A
## Sunday 6th September 2026

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**Readings This Week (23rd Sunday)** Ezekiel 33:7-9, Ps 95(94); Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20
**Readings for Next Week (24th Sunday)** Sirach 27:30-28:7, Ps 103(102); Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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## Reflection from Father Hilary. Getting God Right (1)

Yes – because if people get God wrong they get everything else wrong too. One way of being wrong is to think that God's Will is there to thwart my will – that God is all out to make sure I don't "enjoy life". Oh dear, oh dear. Let's get one thing straight:- God can only will my **True** welfare, my **tru**e happiness, my **true** fulfilment, even when I have a cross to carry. Please reflect on that. We don't' always will these for ourselves – We may think we do. Fragile human nature often chooses what is bad for oneself and others, based on selfish, blind, superficial or arrogant motives. These are for our detriment, not our true welfare. God sees far more clearly than we do., He understand us much more and therefore what our real deepest needs are. I say needs – genuine needs – not our selfish wants. Get that difference right because we can confuse needs and wants and be tempted to dishonesty by treating selfish wants as if they were needs!

God's love and concern for me are much more than I have for myself. Let that influence us. God's will is indicated by my daily work and recreation and sleep, thus making the so called "ordinary" things of life very precious. His will is very much underlined by the teachings of Christ. That teaching proclaims the kind of values we must pursue devotedly, living his principles with regard to Truth, Justice and Peace and the ever-urgent task for us to develop in His kind of costly Love – our Love of God and of people and so to overcome the many imperfections in our loving.

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**Rest In Peace** We pray for the repose of the soul of Maria DeMarco whose requiem will be celebrated on Thursday, at 12.30pm.

**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 take place in the Autumn.
**b) 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 **end of this weekend** for the new rota to be compiled. Thank 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, and consider attending an information evening on **Wednesday 16th September, 7.30pm,** Parish Hall. A hybrid meeting may be arranged.

**Music in Mass** The music ministry will return next week! 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!

**'Second Sunday' Coffee Morning** resumes next Sunday after 8.30am and 10am Masses.

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

## Masses over the next Week

**Sunday 6th September (23rd Sunday Year A)**
*(Sat.)* 6.00pm Paula Richardson (LD.)
8.30am John Conlon (RIP.)
10.00am People of the Parish
11.30am Barbara Lennon (LD.)
6.00pm Betty Tully (LD)

**Monday 7th September**
9.30am Michael Hayes (Get Well)

**Tuesday 8th September (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**
6.00pm

**Wednesday 9th September (St Peter Claver)**
9.30am

**Thursday 10th September**
12.30pm *Funeral* Maria DeMarco (RIP

**Friday 11th September (St Cuthbert)**
9.30am Mary Quinn (LD.)

**Saturday 12th September (The Most Holy Name of Mary)**
**No Mass**

**Sunday 13th September (23rd Sunday Year A)**
*(Sat.)* 6.00pm Emma McConigley (Ann.)
8.30am Jack Martin (Ann.)
10.00am Peter Barry (Ann.)
11.30am
6.00pm Kathleen & Micheal Flahive (Ann.)

**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 Maria DeMarco, Peggy McKeown, Mary McGee and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, Emma McConigley, Jack Martin, Peter Barry, Kathleen & Michael Flahive. 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. More helper 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.

**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.

**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 Mass at 6.00pm will be for the Care of Creation.

**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/

**Marriage Help** - Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. Face to Face weekend hosted at the Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City, 2nd - 4th October 2026. Bookings close 18th Sept. www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983

**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.