Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Northfields

38, Camborne Avenue, Ealing, London, W13 9QZ. Tel. 020 8567 5421
e-mail: northfields@rcdow.org.uk; website: http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields
Facebook page: https://fb.me\38camborneavenue
Parish Priest: Fr. Jim Duffy; Parish Deacon Rev Andrew Goodall; Parish Administrator: Rosa Bambury
Pastoral Assistant: Anna Maria Dupelycz northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk or 07787 048144

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 4

28th Sunday Year A
Sunday 11th October 2026

Readings This Week (28th Sunday) Isaiah 25:6-10a, Ps 23(22); Philippians 4:12-14; Matthew 22:1-14
Readings for Next Week (29th Sunday) Isaiah 45:1, Ps 96(95); Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21

Reflection from Father Hilary. Getting God Right (6)

Now we must grasp a few nettles! After all that we said about God's boundless, unconditional Love we need to ask: is there anger in God, does God punish? We mustn't duck difficult questions! Firstly, what about you and me? In the face of so many kinds of wickedness and injustice all around, do these make **us** angry? I hope to goodness they do because if they didn't we would be awful human beings. Our concern and love are what cause this anger. So, as God's concern and love are much greater, his anger is greater. It is the other side of the coin of love. Very important to realise . If **we** can hate evil of all sorts, how much more the God of Goodness and Love? If a child deserves chastisement, It's the parent's **love** which imposes it. So you can see that the wrath of God is utterly **essential to His Love.** Otherwise He would be wishy-washy and wouldn't be the One True God at all.

But, is He therefore a punishing God? The answer is No. Follow carefully. The whole evil of the world, all its sin, has terrible consequences which human beings inflict on each other. And those who do the inflicting cause appalling damage to themselves also injuring the dignity of their humanity made in the Image of God. If we break the law of gravity, we get badly hurt. We can't blame gravity! If we break the Law of God, we get badly hurt too. **We** cause the hurt. We can't blame God. **We** punish ourselves – and others. God is not vindictive. He can't bear us punishing ourselves. That's the way to interpret texts in the Bible and elsewhere about God punishing people. Similarly, God is our Judge but in this sense – we make choices (right or wrong) and He simply acknowledges those choices. In other words, we judge ourselves. Making evil, sinful choices, then, is the very opposite of showing love – love for God, love for others and also **genuine love for ourselves.** How foolish can we get? We should, then, with honesty, call our bluff!

Please Keep

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the soul of: Peter McVeigh whose Graveside Service will be take place on **Thursday 15th October** at Gunnersbury Cemetery**.**

Liturgical Ministries (Contact details for information: Deacon Andrew andrewgoodall@rcdow.org.uk; Anna northfieldscat@rcdow.org.uk or 07787 048144).

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). Training and formation will begin as follows, all after 6pm Mass:
Readers Tuesday 20th October; **Altar Servers Tuesday 13th October**

Catechists are desperately needed **now** to help lead or support sacramental preparation and passing on the faith to various age groups. 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: **None this week,** for 10.00am Mass: Thurs, 7.30pm.

11.30am Mass, 18th October We welcome Gunnersbury choir who will lead the music at this Mass next weekend.

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!

School forms Fr Jim will be available to sign forms for High School and Sixth form on **Tuesday 13th between 6.30 and 7.30pm and Wednesday 14th October** between **5.30pm and 6.30pm.** No appointment needed, just come to the presbytery door. More dates to follow.

Lift to Mass needed Partially sighted local parishioner living in South Ealing is looking for a lift to any weekend Mass. If you can help, please contact Ann at **SVP** on 07979696356.

'Second Sunday' coffee morning will take place **next** Sunday, 18th., after 8.30am and 10.00am Masses.

Masses over the next Week

Sunday 11th October (28th Sunday Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Tony Moroney (Ann.)
8.30am Danny Harrington (LD.)
10.00am Martin Guidera (Ann.)
11.30am Maria DeMarco (LD.)
6.00pm Tommy Duffy (LD)

Monday 12th October (St Wilfrid)
9.30am John Reilly (LD.)

Tuesday 13th October (St Edward the Confessor)
6.00pm Pat Dennehy (Ann.)

Wednesday 14th October (St Callistus I)
9.30am Nora Finnigan (LD.)

Thursday 15th October (St Teresa of Jesus)
No Mass

Friday 16th October St Hedwig; St Margaret Mary Alacoque)
9.30am Jerry Flanagan (Ann.)

Saturday 17th October (St Ignatius of Antioch)
No Mass

Sunday 18th October (29th Sunday Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Peggy McKeown (LD.)
8.30am Niall & Billy Osborne (Ann.)
10.00am Philomena Larkin (Ann.)
11.30am Bridie Walsh (LD.)
6.00pm Jadwiga Treszka (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, 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 Peter McVeigh, Christine McLaughlin, Nora Finnigan, John Reilly, Danny Harrington, Bridie Walsh and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, Denis Fitzgerald, Pat Dennehy, Jerry Flanagan, Tony Moroney, Martin Guidera, Niall & Billy Osborne, Philomena Larkin, Jadwiga Treszka, 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 courses will take place in November.

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.

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. Please pray for the families as they begin their period of preparation, that their relationship with Jesus deepens during the process.

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

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.

Mount Carmel Primary is seeking a CFO St Carlo Catholic Academy Trust | Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School

Autumn Faith Sharing 'We Dare to Love' resource available from this weekend to use alone or in small groups. Please place a donation (£4) towars the cost of in 'newspapers' box at the back of the church.

Praying with the Scriptures Saturday 24th October, 2:00-5:00pm Westminster Cathedral Hall : an inspiring and prayerful workshop on the holy reading of Scripture, as Archbishop Richard Moth leads us deeper into the practice of Lectio Divina: listening to God's Word, reflecting, praying, and learning how to carry this prayer into daily life. To book your place, please scan the QR code or email evangelisation@rcdow.org.uk

'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/

Contactless Giving We are currently experiencing problems with our contactless machine. If you would normally use this method to donate, please do so via our website using this link https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/donate/. or use this QR code entering 'Sunday collection' in the 'optional' line.

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.