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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

29th Sunday Year A (World Mission Sunday)
Sunday 18th October 2026

Readings This Week (29th Sunday) Isaiah 45:1, Ps 96(95); Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21
Readings for Next Week (30th Sunday) Exodus 22:21-27, Ps 18(17); Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Reflection from Father Hilary. Getting God Right (7)

Let's continue a while to grasp nettles. The big matter of evil and suffering is constantly before us. Why didn't God intervene in Auschwitz or prevent the disaster at the World Trade Centre in many other situations? Because He made human beings with supreme dignity in His own Image, with intellect and Will and so with **freedom.** That's God's precious gift to us based on His love. "If God had made us without the ability to choose to do evil we would never be able to choose to do good." The only alternative would have been for all of us to be robots. But God refused to make us robots and no human being wants to be a robot either – in fact, we abhor it! A robot being cancels out the human being.

Along with the kind of evil and suffering caused by the terrible, deliberate sinfulness of people, there is the problem of disasters caused by earthquakes, floods, disease and famine. This whole matter of suffering is the most stinging of nettles to grasp! We will never get a completely satisfying answer this side of the grave. But we can have precious glimpses which help greatly. The problem does not contradict the earlier points we saw on God's unconditional Love. As Christians we especially see that all sin and suffering is connected with Christ's deliberate act of self-sacrificing Love on the Cross. The more we stop and prayerfully reflect on that Cross the more we will get those precious glimpses into the "mystery" of evil and suffering and drop the word "problem" of evil and suffering. Innocent suffering by many people is intimately bound up with the innocent suffering of Christ. I remember a sentence in the old penny catechism:- "The Providence of God which often, in this life permits the good to suffer and the wicked to prosper will at the end appear just before all people." Note "permits". God the Son Himself is in the thick of it of His own Free Will. Only Love can give meaning to the seeming meaninglessness of it all. Suffering was the language of His Love. The suffering of people will not be in vain but bear magnificent fruit for the true benefit and salvation of many. This was the conviction of the countless saints, martyrs and sages down the centuries. No one can dismiss them lightly. Even at the height of their sufferings, they held on firmly to the wonderful things about God emphasised already in this series.

Please Keep

Thank you! The family of Tommy Duffy thank everyone for their support in recent weeks - for the prayers, Masses, messages, cards, letters and flowers. We thank Fr Jim, the parish team, the choir and everyone who came, for helping to make the funeral Mass so special. The kindness shown to us has helped us through the most difficult of times. We will offer a Mass for all your intentions.

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 3rd November.**

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: Weds., 7.30pm (please come to the presbytery entrance on Felton Road**);** for 10.00am Mass: Thurs, 7.30pm.

Today at 11.30am Mass We welcome Gunnersbury choir who will lead the music at this Mass.

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 20th between 6.30 and 7.30pm,** more dates for Sixth Form after half term**.** No appointment needed, just come to the presbytery door.

Masses over the next Week

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)

Monday 19th October (St John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues;)
9.30am Peggy McKeown (LD.) **St Paul of the Cross)**

Tuesday 20th October
6.00pm Linda Taylor (Int.)/Tommy Duffy (months mind)

Wednesday 21st October
9.30am Jennings Family (Int.)

Thursday 22nd October (Pope St John Paul II)
No Mass

Friday 23rd October (St John Capistrano)
9.30am Nora Finnigan (LD.)

Saturday 24th October (St Anthony Mary Claret)
No Mass

Sunday 25th October (30th Sunday Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Charles Coll (Ann.)
8.30am Valerie Cronin (Ann.)
10.00am Katherine O'Donnell (LD.)
11.30am Tommy Duffy (LD.)
6.00pm Bridie Walsh (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, 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 Sr. Joanna Whooley, Edward Joseph Waldon, Christine McLaughlin, Bridie Walsh, Nora Finnigan, Katherine O'Donnell, Michael Higgins and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, Niall & Billy Osborne, Philomena Larkin, Jadwiga Treszka, Valerie Cronin, Margaret Carroll, 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.

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

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.

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.

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.