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

All Saints Year A
Sunday 1st November 2026

Readings This Week (All Saints) Revelation 7:2-4, Ps 24(23); John 2:7-9; Matthew 5:1-12a
Readings for Next Week (32nd Sunday) Wisdom 6:12-16, Ps 63(62); Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Reflection from Father Hilary. Getting God Right (9)

In an earlier section (3) on God as Transcendent and Immanent we saw that God is beyond our knowing and yet we can have some knowledge of Him. We can always know more about Him. However, going deeper, what matters greatly is to **know Him,** not just know about Him. Jesus says "I know my sheep and they know me just as I know the Father and the Father knows me." He calls us to know God the Father and Himself. He is not talking about knowing intellectually but is emphasising the warmth of a deep loving relationship. The beauty of the Fatherhood of God is so powerful and attractive.

Someone put it well:- "You cannot satisfy your craving for the Ocean of Infinite Love from the teacup of finite satisfactions". Contemplate that. Yes, in the depths of every human heart, there is something insatiable which only God can satisfy. Nothing in the world whatever and indeed nobody can ever achieve that for us. This applies to the here and now and not just the hereafter. Look at all the finite satisfactions people pursue. These satisfy them only up to a point and then soon they experience frustration. St Augustine expressed it this way: "We were made for you O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in You." We do ourselves a grave injustice by not taking all this on board.

Without the pursuit of true prayer on a **daily** basis, all this will never happen – not simply saying prayers of confining oneself to only one form of prayer – i.e. petition. "Be still and know that I am God". Be determined to contemplate and pursue a fruitful silence **daily**. It is bound to lead to a Godlikeness in one's person and in society – getting God right. Prayer is a communion with God, expressing and fostering a rich relationship, having wonderful effects on our whole life. And if everyone pursued this, the world would be transformed.

Please Keep

Rest In Peace We pray for the repose of the souls of: **William (Bill) Smith** whose Funeral Liturgy (without mass) will be celebrated on **Friday 6th November 2026 at 12noon.** There will still be the **9.30am Mass that morning**. The Mass for John McMahon has moved to 23/12/26.

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 takes place as follows, all after 6pm Mass:
Readers Tuesday 10th November; **Altar Servers Tuesday 3rd November.**

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 use the Parish Office entrance; 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!

School forms Fr Jim will be available to sign forms for Sixth form, Nursery and Reception on **Monday 2nd November 4.30pm to 6.30pm .** No appointment needed, just come to the presbytery door. 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 takes place next weekend after 8.30am and 10.00am Masses

November: Month of Holy Souls Dead Lists are available from the back of the church. Please return to the box. Donation not necessary. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday evenings. See poster in the church for details.

Carol Service this year will take place on **Friday 18th December, 7.00pm,** followed by refreshments in the hall. Rehearsals begin 25th November, 7.30pm, in the church. All are welcome, singers and musicians of any age!

Masses over the next Week

Sunday 1st November (All Saints Year A)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Nuala Hirth (RIP Ann.)
8.30am Doris & James Anthony Pillai (Ann.)
10.00am Margaret Carroll (Ann.)
11.30am Maria DeMarco (LD.)
6.00pm Nuala Hirth (RIP Ann.)

Monday 2nd November (Holy Souls)
9.30am Nora Finnigan (LD.)

Tuesday 3rd November (St Winifride; St Martin de Porres)
6.00pm Those who have died in that last 12 months

Wednesday 4th November (St Charles Borromeo)
9.30am For the souls of deceased members of the Boniface Family

Thursday 5th November
No Mass

Friday 6th November
12 noon *Funeral* Bill Smith *(RIP)*

Saturday 7th November (St Willibrord)
No Mass

Sunday 8th November (Remembrance Sunday)
(Sat.) 6.00pm Bridget Strauss (Ann.)
8.30am Tommy Duffy (LD.)
10.00am Santana Demello & Family
11.30am *(Remembrance Day Mass)* Denis Daly (Ann.)
6.00pm Christine McLoughlan (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. Helma Santisteban, 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, Bill Smith, Sr Joanna Whooley, Nora Finnigan, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time, Nuala Hirth, Margaret Carroll, Doris & James Anthony Pillai, Bridget Strauss, Denis Daly, Charles Coll, Mary Spinks, 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. None this week only.

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.

Thinking of Getting Married in the Catholic Church? Please note that **at least 6 months' notice** is required wherever your marriage is taking place. For further initial information, please go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/sacramental-prep/marriage-preparation/

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.

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.

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

Flower Group Meeting to begin work on Christmas and the new rota, **Weds. 4th Nov., 6.00pm.** Venue : Parish Hall. Please note: incorrect time given last week. This is the correct time.

Race Night- Fundraiser for the energy project. Friday 20th November. Please join us for a night of racing, food and drinks. Tickets £10 to include food and a welcome drink. Ticket info to follow.

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.