

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64:10; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-12

Readings Next Week: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43



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## MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732



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*Dear Friends,*

I recently heard an astronomer on TV state that were it not for rain then our planet would be nothing more than an inert lump of rock in space exactly like all the others. I don't know if this individual is a believer or not but unwittingly he illustrated to us the meaning of today's reading from Isaiah and today's Gospel from Matthew.

We live in a time when there are words and advice coming from all angles of the media. Some of it is misguided but well intentioned and some of it is accurate but badly received. Some is malicious and even spiteful. For example, who amongst us could have guessed that a couple of weeks ago half a million people would descend upon Bournemouth, no doubt inspired by a government official who took it upon himself to ignore our governments own advice and drive to Durham.

In today's Gospel Jesus compares "words" to a seed. Isn't that a wonderful image? I don't think we have any parishioners who work in agriculture but I know many of you are keen gardeners, (sadly I am not) but I do understand enough that a seed has to grow in fertile ground to bear fruit.

That of course is great, but what of the seeds that aren't grown in fertile soil? Those that fall on the edge of the path represent those who are closed to God's call. Those that fall on the rock represent those who resist God's call. Sadly, I feel that those who fall in the thorns represent most of us who live in The West, as they are so full of worldly issues that God's word is somehow drowned out by all the noise from the media and twenty first century living. I don't think this group set out to deliberately exclude God it's just that somehow there is no room for God.

When God speaks to us it is not like a twentieth century dictator shouting into a microphone. It is so much more gentle because God is Love and it is that love that turns us from a desert into a garden. When we listen to God, our hearts are softened by his love. We should also remember that we are sowers of his word. So exactly like the rain that sustains our planet, it is incumbent upon us to sustain each other, and we shouldn't be discouraged if no harvest is immediately apparent. As Christians, and particularly as Catholic Christians our task is to continue sowing and leave the harvest to God.

Have a Blessed Week,

*Deacon Colin.*

## PARISH MASSES

Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the grounds of St. Lawrence School. Open-air Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am, with social distancing.

Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers (maximum 64 people with 2 metre distancing). This is a gradual re-opening of our parish for Masses with some changes of Mass times.

It is important to remember that the Coronavirus is still out there, and lives are still at risk. We cannot afford to get complacent. We must all continue to play our part, follow the rules, protect our vulnerable people and control the spread. We are still living with a pandemic.

If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours.

Certain groups of people may be at risk from COVID19 including those who are aged 70 and above, regardless of medical conditions. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from coming to Mass.

- The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.
- People who are shielding are currently advised not to attend places of worship
- Masses are still available on websites.
- Confessions by appointments.
- On Sundays we will be celebrating Open Air Masses for the time being.

People want to feel safe and confident when coming back to Mass.

**FR. JOHN**

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE (PSR)

The parish has an immediate requirement for a PSR. The duty of the PSR is to ensure that our children and vulnerable adults are always in a safe environment within the parish. The PSR will help promote safe practice, minimise all risks of abuse and maximise the response to reports of concern. Full training will be provided. Good IT skills will be needed. If you are interested, please contact Fr. John Byrne.

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

**Michael Nsiah, Lina Edwards, Patricia Frances Matthews, Sheila Harvey and all who have died with the Pandemic.**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Please keep in your prayers all their families who mourn them.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11	People of the Parish Holy Souls
Sun 12	Eileen Galligan's Intentions Bardez Youth Group Ministry
Mon 13	Colail O'Gara RIP
Tues 14	Mick & Edna Smith's Intentions
Wed 15	Susie Moss RIP
Thurs 16	Derrick Juriansz RIP
Fri 17	Sheila Harvey RIP
Sat 18	Lina & David Edwards RIP
Sun 19	Anne Bagnall's Intentions People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of the Adjei Family	

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order; cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

**HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham**

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS**

## Guidance from the Bishop's Conference

- **No offertory procession of the gifts of bread and wine to the altar**
- **Singing is not permitted**
- **The Prayer of the Faithful should be omitted from Mass**

Here are some Bidding Prayers for the week:

**With complete faith and trust we pray to the Father for all our needs:**

In today's gospel we are reminded that God the Father is a generous sower of seeds in our lives. We pray that the seeds of love and wisdom He bestows on us will fall on fertile ground and that our lives are fruitful and bear witness to His goodness.

For everyone experiencing job insecurity and an uncertain future at this time, that they and their families might find security and the encouragement that they need in the days that lie ahead.

For young people whose path through higher education has become uncertain, that they will find effective ways to achieve their potential

For all those who have been separated from the Eucharist, that with the reopening of our churches, they may now enjoy a loving renewal of their relationship with our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

**Father, you gave us the gift of faith, and we pray for your Spirit to increase it so that it grows day by day, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

## Resources from the Agency for Evangelisation

'Learn from me' – Catechesis & Mission Formation Programme. <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/learn-from-me---catechesis-and-mission---formation-programme/>

**Marriage Care Counselling Services**

<https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/news/marriage-care-at-75---we-are-here-for-you/>

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