

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

23rd/24th May 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 275: Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 26; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

Next Week: Pentecost Sunday: Page 288: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-12



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on

www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

MASS

There will be no public Mass for the foreseeable future. Mass will, however, be said every day in private. If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please email Feltham.rcdow.org.uk or call Fr. John on 0787 905 8732

Dear Friends

I hope you are all well in these continued unusual times. It hardly seems possible that we are nearly at the end of May. The weeks, even in lockdown, seem to fly by. We are now in that period after the Ascension when Our Lord takes His leave from the earth, but he promises His disciples and us – "I am with you always". He also promises to send the Holy Spirit as our guide, our counsellor.

In these weeks I think that the Holy Spirit has been very much at work in all of us. The ways in which we have found new ways to keep in touch with each other, to retain our sense of community and especially the sterling work done by our teams of volunteers day in day out. It is truly awesome and humbling. Thank you too for your continued prayers; they mean a great deal.

This year, 24th May falls on a Sunday. Were it not to, it would have been, among other things, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. May is one of Our Lady's months. In these times, she is especially close to us, perhaps even more so now as we enter the ninth week of lockdown and find ourselves maybe frustrated by the privations we are undertaking. We can and should turn to Our Lady and ask her intercession each day. The lockdown is slowly easing, the days are longer, we have more time to appreciate our surroundings. We can be grateful for these small things – they are gifts from God to us and we can enjoy them as such. The oldest known prayer to Our Lady is the Sub Tuum Praesidium. Here it is in full for you to have and to pray as you feel inclined:

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

As we begin a new week, may Our Lady, Help of Christians, help and protect us as we slowly move forward to better days ahead. Let's pray for each other.

With love in Christ

Father John Louis

The Cardinal has asked us to prepare for the gradual re-opening of our churches. This will take some time and preparation. I will keep you informed. **FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS**

DIOCESAN DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday 24th May: Prayer for Creation – 12noon local time. Download or view the common prayer to say together wherever you are:

<https://westminsterjp.wordpress.com/laudato-si-week-2020/>

20th-30th May – 'Thy Kingdom Come' – World Wave of Prayer for evangelisation: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



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Are you living alone? Are you over 70? If you need to chat or need a little support please contact Fr. John on 0787 905 8732.

Can you help? Do you have time to support our parish with some volunteering. Please call Annie (Baker) for more details on 0208 707 2911

A Message from Seema Malhotra our MP

If you know of anyone who might need a hot meal, food, medicines, shopping, or are experiencing financial or employment issues please contact her office by email at seema.malhotra.mp@parliament.uk or by phone on 0207 219 8957.

REST IN PEACE

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

Patricia Cole (nee Fenlon), Thelma Rochester, Ann Chance, Michael Nsiah, Malcolm Preston, David Edwards, Isabella Frost 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 all their families who mourn them in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23	Paulina Folake Badejo (RIP (2 nd Ann.) Sr Mary O'Mally (Intention)
Sun 24	Domingos Fernandes in Birthday Thanksgiving Mary Joseph Fernandes (RIP)
Mon 25	Holy Souls
Tues 26	People of the Parish
Wed 27	Sr Norma Gorman (Intention) People of the Parish
Thurs 28	Thomas Mendes (RIP)
Fri 29	Frank O'Connor (RIP) People of the Parish
Sat 30	People of the Parish
Sun 31	People of the Parish Barbara May Light (RIP)
Sanctuary Lamp: Raphael Danladi in Thanksgiving	

Remember, Mass is said every day in private. If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please telephone Fr. John on 0787 905 8732.

Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral are now available to watch at www.churchservices.tv/westminster

REFLECTION

*Our spirit is our most precious possession.
It is our greatest source of energy.
However, while it can be very strong
It can also be very brittle.
It can be an oak unmoved in a storm,
Or a frail reed swaying in the wind.
It can be a piece of granite or a piece of china.
What is it that enables the spirit to soar,
And what is it that causes it to sink?>
Sadness weights it down; joy lifts it up.
Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.
Failure shrinks it; success enlarges it.
Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life
into it.
Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.
Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.
Fear cripples it; solitude calms it;
Prayer strengthens it.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.*

Message from Mary's Meals

'As we are facing many challenges we are very sorry that we are not able to visit any churches at this time to share the Mary's Meals story. However, our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barlow has recorded a special message for your parishioners. Please email us on London.ragstoriches@Marysmeals.org to get further details.'

A PRAYER TO CHRIST THE HEALER

In the comfort of your love, I pour out to you my saviour
The memories that haunt me, the anxieties that perplex me, the fears that stifle me, the sickness that prevails upon me, and the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me.
Lord, help me to see your peace in my turmoil,
Your compassion in my sorrow,
Your forgiveness in my weakness, and your love in my need.
Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power and strength. **Amen**

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order; cash or cheque. If you would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: St Lawrence Feltham (or Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee St Lawrence Feltham)

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

Thank you for your continued generosity. FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS