

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th/26th July 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Readings Next Week: Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 144; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

"Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like..."



Matthew 13:45

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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,

So many things have changed for all of us over the last months. We are all coping in various ways with the 'new normal'. This requires patience, understanding and perseverance. None of this is easy!

For my part, I have returned part-time from furlough. For various reasons, it seems best to me to now step back from Parish work, and therefore, last week I notified Fr John of my decision to leave, taking effect in October.

I have greatly enjoyed my time of service in this community. Colleagues and parishioners I now count as friends, and I have been supported and encouraged by so many of you over the past two years. I have also learnt much, and feel very enriched by all I have received here, from all of you. Thank you all so much.

In the current circumstances and 'new normal', I have (again!) found wisdom in nature. Some of you may have noticed the trees at the front of the church: they have recently been pollarded, all the thin branches being removed. The remaining trunks were quite stark. Yet already they are producing bright green, soft leaves. These signs of new life and growth can encourage us also, when what we see appears to be a loss or cutting-back. New life will sprout! New things will begin. Like Solomon in this Sunday's reading, let us too have 'an understanding heart.'

Dr Jordan Pullicino

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NOTICE

First Holy Communion will be on two September weekends: 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th. All Masses will be at 3pm. If you would like to book your child who has completed the First Holy Communion programme last year, please **contact Jordan by email only (see address above)** - include the following information: your name, your child's full name, how many will attend, which Mass you wish to attend **and** a second choice. Each family has the use of one pew (approx..6 adults plus two small children) to be used as a family 'bubble'. All others must wait outside the church, where photos can also be taken. I hope you understand why this is necessary. Thank you.

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

GUIDANCE FOR CELEBRATION OF MASS - PLACES OF WORSHIP

1. Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with i.e. if they are attending corporate worship with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group

2 From 24th July people are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church.

REST IN PEACE

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

John Kelly, Frances Murray, Stefania Wolanska, Agnes Brown, Michael Nsiah, Lina Edwards, Patricia Frances Matthews, Sheila Harvey and all who have died with the Pandemic.

The Requiem Mass for Frances Murray will take place here on **Thursday 30th July** at 11am.

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 25	11am	Teresa Keaveney RIP
Sun 26	9am 11am	David Leonard Dowling RIP Maria Filomena Fernandes RIP (4 th Anniversary)
Mon 27	11am	In Thanksgiving – Mendes Family
Tues 28	11am	Justin Ibarra RIP (5 th Anniversary)
Wed 29	11am	For the Intentions of Mr & Mrs Joaquim Fernandes & Family
Thurs 30	11am	REQUIEM MASS – FRANCES MURRAY RIP
Fri 31	11am	People of the Parish
Sat 1	11am	Holy Souls
Sun 2	9am 11am	Deceased members of the Saverimuttu Family RIP Cesar Miranda RIP (First Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP		

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:

Renewing our trust in the Father's love, we turn to him with our needs:

For the Church; that we find meaningful ways to share the Gospel and speak of the Kingdom of God in today's world.

For people struggling under financial burden, may they use the little they have for good, seek what they need, and accept what is offered and, that neighbourhoods and communities will be attentive and provide support.

For those who have been wounded by sinfulness within the Church. May they find healing and peace.

For an end to human trafficking. That there will be an end to criminal activity through which people are exploited, sold and traded for profit.

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, we thank you for the reassurance that you guide and bless us in all things, through Christ our Lord. Amen

OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2021 – **Thursday 24th September 2020**

For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form in 2021 – **Wednesday 30th September 2020**

September 2020

Further information to follow.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL - Relief SMSAs

We are looking for Relief Lunchtime Assistants to cover when any of our dinner ladies are absent. The hours are from 12.00 midday to 1.30pm and the rate of pay is £11.91 per hour. If you are interested, please call the school office for more details on 0208 890 3878 (we reopen after the summer holidays on Wednesday, 2nd September) or email your details to office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk.

CAFOD APPEAL

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: cafod.org.uk/summerofhope.

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