

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Third Sunday of Easter

17th/18th April 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18



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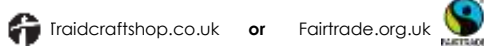
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MASS INTENTIONS

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



Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

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Dear Friends

We are now well into the Easter Season, although the extremely variable weather patterns of this week, "hail, rain and shine", might well give us pause to wonder what has happened to Spring!

We are also nearly a week into the second stage of lockdown easing and our schools resume tomorrow. That in itself is a wonderfully encouraging sign – that things are moving forward. However, many of us may still be rather doubtful and nervous about what comes next, rather as the disciples were after two of them told the others of their encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. He appears to them again and greets them "Peace be with you". That peace is for us too – not just a peace that comes from a lack of worry or anxiety, but a grounded and justifiable peace – Jesus has conquered sin and death. With God on our side in this way, we can and should have a renewed confidence that all will be well. It requires us to give everything to God, to practice serenity and very importantly, as far as we can, to live in the present moment. This I think continues to be one of the most important lessons from recent times – and not only these. Many of the saints, such as Padre Pio and St Benedict, have encouraged their spiritual children to practice the art of both living in and giving thanks for, the present moment.

Recently I watched Joanna Lumley having an audience with the Dalai Lama. She asked him what one thing he thought was the most important virtue (she didn't use that particular word, but it was implied nonetheless). His answer was simple, one word in fact: "compassion". Time and again we see in the Gospels how Jesus has compassion with people. This of course is love in action and it is what we are called to do and to be. As we move forward over the coming weeks, we will encounter those who are doubtful, nervous and probably a bit anxious too. I think a friendly face and a listening ear will be of great practical support in these instances – "listening with the ear of the heart".

Compassion sometimes requires courage and St George, whose feast we celebrate on Friday, is an example of lived courage. We know little or anything about him, but tradition holds that he was a Roman soldier who lived during the 3rd and 4th Centuries AD. He was beheaded for his Christian beliefs during the persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian in 303 AD. It seems that the Emperor Diocletian had St. George tortured to make him deny his faith in Christ. However, despite some of the most terrible torture even for that time, St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine. His head was later taken to Rome where it was interred in the church dedicated to him.

We may not be called to endure quite what St George did, but we are called to a daily martyrdom to self – "yes to others, no to self". In that way we can show both compassion and courage to those we meet each day!

Let's pray for each other!

Father John Louis

REMINDER: Please remember to leave the Church promptly at the end of Mass. You should not mix outside church and you are encouraged to go straight home after Mass

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Parish Team, I wish to thank you for your generosity at Easter, your greeting cards and gifts to us. May God Bless you all.

I also thank all our stewards, cleaners, counters and all who help out in various ways in the Parish. Fr John

Bidding Prayers for the week:

God the Father sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him. We turn to Him for the fullness of life as we pray.

-For every member of the Church: that we may continue to encounter the risen Lord in deeply personal ways and courageously bear witness to his love by our lives.

- For those who find it hard to believe or who have been damaged by people of faith: that the words of hope and new life promised by the Gospel may become a reality in their lives.

-For all those who suffer for their faith in Christ: that as they stand with the Lord in his passion, so they may experience his presence today.

- For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, 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.

God our Father, hear these prayers we make to you this day. Just as you raised your Son Jesus from the dead, so raise us also to imitate the pattern of his life and love, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

We have recently joined a number of other parishes around the diocese to install a new contactless way of making donations and offertory at our parish. The devices can be found on the way out of church and is a quick and safe way to donate money to the church using contactless debit cards.

It's easy to use; just select how much you would like to donate and gently place your debit card on the card reader. It's secure and goes directly into the parish bank account. You can also make donations and contributions using standing orders.

If you have any questions regarding how it works, please contact Ade Marques on [07785758453](tel:07785758453).

PLANNED GIVING 2021-22

The 2021-22 Planned Giving Boxes are available for collection. If your box is not there, please fill in an order form or consider giving by Standing Order.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May 2021 at 3.00pm

The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event – www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

FAITH FORMATION

The Diocese have a couple of talks taking place later this month.

1. 'The Old Testament – A guide for the Perplexed' – a series of five Tuesday-evening talks on Zoom, commencing 20th April from 7-8pm, by Fr John Deehan, and part of our continuing journey through *The Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks*. To register beforehand please go to www.eventbrite.co.uk

2. 'St Joseph at the Crossroads' – a talk on Zoom for *The Year of Saint Joseph* by Fr John Hemer MHM, Thursday 29th April at 7.00pm. To register beforehand please go to catadmin@rcdeow.org.uk

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS has a number of teaching (Primary Teacher - September 2021) and support staff (Finance Manager Summer 2021) vacancies. Further details on the website or please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for information

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – LOOK

Apologies that this hasn't been on the website the last two weeks. We had scanning issues which are now resolved and the pages for 4th, 11th and 18th April are now on the website.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Martin Francis Joseph Toal, HRH Prince Philip, Joseph Steer and Edna Smith** and all those who have passed away recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

Martin Toal's Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 21st April at 11.00am.**

The current Covid restriction of 30 mourners applies.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17	11am 5pm	Maria C Fernandes RIP Eileen Marks RIP (Anniversary) [C]
Sun 18	9am 11am	Manuel Pereira & Florina Lourenco RIP [C] Kieran Power RIP (1 st Anniversary) [C]
Mon 19	11am	Milagros and Rustom Pavia RIP
Tues 20	11am	Estela Fernandes RIP
Wed 21	11am	REQUIEM MASS Martin Francis Joseph Toal RIP
Thurs 22	11am	Francisco Lejas RIP
Fri 23	11am	Harry Haldane RIP
Sat 24	11am 5pm	Anthonio Fernandes RIP Jill and Tony Smith RIP [C]
Sun 25	9am 9am 11am 11am	Mario Pereira RIP [C] Esmeralda Rosario RIP [PC] In Thanksgiving [C] Paul Joseph Gonsalves RIP [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel D'Souza RIP		

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

MASS TIMES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Church only
- Sunday 9am and 11am Church and the Parish Centre
- On Saturdays there will be Confessions at 10.30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and on request.
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in Church at 11.00am with limited numbers