

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

24th/25th April 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15:1-8



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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 INTENTIONS

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



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Dear Friends,

I suspect many of you are aware of St Maximilian Kolbe, a catholic priest who had been arrested by the Nazi's and imprisoned in Auschwitz. The SS authorities had chosen ten men to be starved to death and one called out "what about my wife and family?" Fr Maximilian was in earshot and volunteered to take the place of the condemned man. Along with the others he was locked in a cell and after no food or water for two weeks Fr Maximilian was the only one who was still alive. The guards then murdered Fr Maximilian and cremated his body. Fr Maximilian had so much love within him that he quite literally did lay down his life for his flock.

Throughout history there are many examples of people who have laid down their own lives for others, some are well known and others are not known (at least not here on earth). The description of Jesus as a shepherd isn't unique to John's Gospel but the personal relationship between sheep and shepherd is. Jesus knows each and everyone of us by name. This is a two-way relationship where we are invited to respond to Jesus' calling to serve. I doubt that any of us will ever have to make the decision that Fr Maximilian made, but the image of Jesus as The Good Shepherd invites us to serve each other. Here at St Lawrence's that might be as a Eucharistic Minister or Reader, perhaps one or two of you have considered the Permanent Diaconate or even the Priesthood.

Jesus' calling could be here in Feltham, it could be anywhere else too. We still live on a planet where inequalities are as evident as they ever were. Perhaps a modern example might be the inequality of Covid vaccination where we who are privileged to live in a developed country have the vaccine offered to us and those in the developing regions do not. The shepherding of ourselves by Jesus, challenges us to challenge those in authority to respect human rights and to put an end to suffering that many have to endure.

Have a Blessed Week,

Deacon Colin

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

Bidding Prayers for the week:

We bring our prayers and petitions before the Lord, trusting in his goodness, for God is our Father and knows our every need.

-For the Pope, Bishops and pastoral leaders of the Church: that they will be filled with zeal and fervour of divine love.

- For all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, consecrated or religious life: that they may recognise God's invitation and have courage to respond.

-For all those who govern: may they remain committed to peace, truth, justice and the common good.

-For young people anxious about their future: that the good shepherd will lead them to the right opportunities for education and satisfying employment.

For those who have gone astray like sheep: that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, the guardian of their souls.

- 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.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to accept these prayers in the name of the good shepherd, Jesus 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. This machine is not to be used for paying for Mass Intentions or purchases from the Repository.

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 talk on 'St Joseph at the Crossroads' – a talk will be 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

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

This year's Mass celebrating the contribution of migrant communities in the Dioceses of Westminster, Southwark, and Brentwood, will be livestreamed from St William of York Church, Lewisham on 1st May from 11.30am. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be celebrating; join using the link tinyurl.com/migrantsmass.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

For young men wanting to learn more about the priesthood, the Diocese have a link to a video on the Diocesan YouTube channel https://youtu.be/nP_u0A3S-q0. Or click on the QR code on the poster in Church which will direct you to the video.

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.

RETOUVAILLE – A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIAGE

Visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

REST IN PEACE

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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]
Mon 26	11am	Stanislaus Menino Jesus & Maria Dias RIP
Tues 27	11am	Alba Caldeira RIP (1st Anniversary)
Wed 28	11am	Patricia Soares RIP
Thurs 29	11am	John Joseph & Rosalina Rodrigues RIP
Fri 30	11am	Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Intention)
Sat 1	11am 5pm	Mario Pereira RIP Clema Pereira RIP (2 nd Anniversary) [C]
Sun 2	9am 9am 11am 11am	Sr Aine Kirwan RIP [C] Benji's Thanksgiving to Our Lady [PC] Lourdes Fernandes & Family (Good Health) [C] Manuel D'Costa RIP [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: Agnetta Wilson (Intentions)		

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 (Mass outdoors in nice weather)
- 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