

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st July/1st August 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35
Next Week: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33; Ephesians 4:30, 5:2; John 6:41-51



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Office closed this week (2-6 August inc)

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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 Florie or visit the office on a Monday or Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

Traidcraftshop.co.uk or Fairtrade.org.uk 

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

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

MASS TIMES

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

Dear Friends,

Across our planet we can observe a pattern of one thing being given up to satisfy the needs of another. One animal is preyed upon by another, and in turn that animal is preyed upon by something else. Even the meadows are fodder for the animals that walk upon them and so the grasslands also live to sustain other creatures and animals. We ourselves are called to sacrifice our time for the sake of those we love and those for whom we are responsible. There is a pattern of creation, a natural law that governs the life of the universe. All things are drawn to be food or sustenance for something else.

As we are free agents everything we do comes forth from ourselves and therefore reflects ourselves, this pattern in creation for being sacrificed for the sake of another is surely the imprint of the character of the creator.

The creator is suggested by the works of his hand to be self-sacrificing. This natural revelation of God in the created world, profoundly confirms all that everything was brought to us by Jesus, when he revealed that God is a Trinity of Persons eternally in communion with one another.

There is however a further revelation that involves this powerful pattern of love from the heart of God. The revelation of the Holy Eucharist in which the God Incarnate gives himself to us to be our food, as sacrificed for each of His faithful.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin.

STEP 4 OF THE ROADMAP FOR ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

1. The Sunday obligation is still lifted until the 1st Sunday of Advent 28th November 2021.
2. A gentle approach to change is recommended so that by September people are more confident to gather in larger numbers.
3. We will continue with the 2 Sunday morning Masses outdoors (weather permitting until the end of August).
4. From Sunday 5th September, we will celebrate Masses in Church on Sundays with 3 Sunday morning Masses: **8.00am; 9.30am and 11.00am** with the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday evenings continuing.
5. Choirs and music can resume from September.
6. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers can also resume from September
7. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind.
8. The Sign of Peace is still suspended
9. Track and Trace will remain in place
10. The Parish Centre may be used from September
11. From Monday 6th September – our weekday Masses **Monday to Friday will be at 10.00am and the Saturday morning Mass will remain at 11.00am**

There will be no newsletter during August, updates will be put on the website and announced at Mass. Happy holidays, keep safe and well.

Motivation for John 6:24-35

"In this gospel for the coming Sunday, the Lord invites us to turn our perception heavenwards. What we see, what we can touch, our plans and ideas are not the final story: we have been given eternal life. In order to understand that and to begin to live that reality, Jesus invites us to go to Him. He tells us to get to know Him. And what does He say happens when we do? We will never go hungry or thirsty again. We will be satisfied. We will be content.

Is there an aspect of your life that feels empty or something you would like to change? Jesus is waiting for you. Go to Him, don't be afraid."

Bidding Prayers for the week:

Let us bring our petitions before the Lord who understands our every need before we even ask:

We pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us that "care is an expression of the heart". Let us all devote ourselves to a life of care and compassion to others.

We pray for bishops, priests, deacons and all who feed God's people with the bread of life: that they, too, may be fed.

Let us pray for families during these summer holidays. May their time together bring them closer together in love, understanding and happiness.

Let us pray for all those whose lives have been turned upside-down by flooding, wildfires, drought and other natural disasters. May they experience the support and love that they need in order to face the future with courage and hope.

We pray for the grace this week to seek more fervently the food that endures to eternal life.

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.

Loving Father, hear the prayers of your people, through Christ our Lord. Amen

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!** You can also use the contactless machine in Church. For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRC DT Feltham

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

The August booklets are available at the back of Church at £1.00 each.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL FOOD BANK

With summer holidays approaching, the food bank requires the following: tinned food (tomatoes, chickpeas, kidney beans), toiletries (including nappies, toilet paper), cleaning products, washing detergent, breakfast bars, crisps, cereal, squash, orange juice, etc. NO PASTA OR RICE please. Supermarket gift cards are also acceptable to allow families to buy fresh produce. Kindly put your donations in the food collection box in church and these will be handed to the school. *Thank you – Roly, Sharyn, Jo, Bridget.*

OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2022 – **Thursday 23rd September 2021**

For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form (Year 12) in 2022 – **Wednesday 29th September 2021.** Further information to follow.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/2022

Parents of Year 3 children and above who wish to enrol them for the First Holy Communion Programme can do so by emailing theresafernandes@aol.com requesting an enrolment form.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2021/2022

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2021 and is not attending a Catholic School please email theresafernandes@aol.com for a registration form. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive their First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

CONFIRMATION 2021/2022

If you live in the parish of St. Lawrence's, attend Mass here and you are in School Year 9 or above in September 2021, you are invited to apply to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021. Please email theresafernandes@aol.com for a Registration Form. Further details of classes will be on the application form.

RCIA Course 2021/2022

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, either as an enquirer or a 'returner' then the "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course is for you! It is an opportunity to ask all those questions you thought up, but never quite got round to asking!! There is no commitment at the early stage – you may have a taster and decide you want to continue, or perhaps come back later. For more details please contact Fr. John on 0787 905 8732 or email: johnbyrne@rcdow.org.uk

FR JOHN LOUIS TABOR

As you all know, Fr John Louis will be leaving us at the end of August for pastures new. A farewell Mass is planned for **Saturday 11th September**, details to follow. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Fr John Louis please take an envelope as you enter or leave church. The envelope with your contribution can be handed in to Fr John Byrne, Deacon Colin, Roly or Florie in the Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCE

The Finance Committee met for the first time since lockdown during the week – a report will be available to parishioners in September.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 31	11am 5pm	Cruz Gonsalves RIP (Birthday Remembrance) Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Sun 1 August	9am 9am 11am 11am	Joanna Serafin Rodrigues RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] Mylic Rodrigues (Intentions) [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Mon 2	11am	Regalada Menina Cardoso RIP
Tues 3	11am	Mary & Rommel Dias (Good Health)
Wed 4	11am	Ian Web in Thanksgiving
Thurs 5	11am	Alleluia D'Souza RIP
Fri 6	11am	Stefania Wolanska RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 7	11am 5pm	Harry Haldane RIP Ermelinda Cota Cruz RIP
Sun 8	9am 9am 11am 11am	Wilson Family in Thanksgiving [C] People of the Parish [PC] Noreen Early RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: Bernard Polley RIP		

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To You God entrusted his only Son;
in You Mary placed her trust;
with You Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph to us too, show yourself as Father
and guide us on the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*