

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Psalm 84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Readings Next Week: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Psalm 44;

1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56



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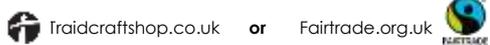
**Gorman, Sr. Katherine O'Reilly**

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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,*

I would imagine you are all familiar with the phrase "life is a roller coaster" or perhaps another analogy might be that life is sometimes stormy and sometimes calm.

Elijah was a man of immeasurable faith, and because of this Queen Jezebel wanted to kill him. In 21st century language we would say he had "done a runner and hid" but whilst he was hiding he experienced God's presence and was able to continue in his ministry.

The disciples were not so different from the rest of us in the respect that they too suffered crisis and loss of faith. It was Peter who denied Jesus three times.

In today's gospel Our Lord Jesus Christ emphasises the central place of faith in the life of his disciples. They are constantly challenged, "Why do you doubt"? We must not doubt him neither must we doubt his word and his teaching. He and his word come to us in the life of the ministry of the church that he founded. Our personal and individual faith coming via the church must be guided by the church which in God's plan is our mother and our teacher in faith.

In our own private family life, we have recently been challenged to deal with serious illness. My wife Teresa has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has recently begun a regime of chemotherapy which will continue until (possibly) November, and then she will have to undergo surgery. Therefore, apart from ministry of the altar, I will be stepping back from parish ministry until (in all probability) next spring.

May I ask that you keep Teresa in your prayers and may I express my gratitude to both Fr Johns for their support and understanding in this most difficult time.

Have a blessed week

*Deacon Colin*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NOTICE

First Holy Communion will be on two September weekends: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- Although shielding has been suspended, if you are feeling vulnerable or unwell please continue to shield and do not 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.
- 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.
- **From 8<sup>th</sup> August face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship.** All those attending church must wear a face covering unless exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.

People want to feel safe and confident when coming back to Mass.

**FR. JOHN**

### **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, and all who have died with the Pandemic.**

The Funeral Service for **John Kelly** will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.**

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 8	11am	Frances Murray RIP
Sun 9	9am	In Thanksgiving – Ryan & Mitchell Fernandes
	11am	Eamon O'Brien RIP
Mon 10	11am	Mr & Mrs Augustine Fernandes RIP
Tues 11	11am	Frances Murray RIP
Wed 12	11am	Patrick Maple in Thanksgiving
Thurs 13	11am	Rita Froud RIP
Fri 14	11am	Michael & Edna Smith - Intention
Sat 15	11am	Mariam D'Cruz RIP
Sun 16	9am	Mervyn Rosario – Birthday Intention
	11am	People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: For the people of Lebanon		

### **OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY**

For admission to Year 7 in 2021 – **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form in 2021 – **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**September 2020.** Further information to follow.

### 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**
- **Communion will be given in silence, on the hand only. On approach to the priest, do so with arms at full stretch. Your hands, palms upwards, one on top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. The communicant should unloop their face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving back to their pews in an orderly manner.**

*Here are some Bidding Prayers for the week:*

**The Lord is our help and our shield. Filled with confidence, we turn to the Father with our petitions:**

That Pope Francis, through his calm and encouraging words, will bring to the Church and to the world, in this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, the comfort of Jesus and so restore hope to every apprehensive heart.

That those injured in the massive explosion in Beirut in Lebanon will receive assistance, those killed be granted eternal rest and their families be comforted.

For those who are unemployed: that God will keep them from discouragement and enable them to secure good jobs.

We pray for all people, wherever they might be, who cope with daily food shortages, that they will find enough food to live healthy and happy lives.

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

**Loving Father, when those who are afflicted call out, you hear and save them from distress. Please be close to us in our need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **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](mailto:office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk).*

### **CAFOD APPEAL**

You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family.

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**