

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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20th Sunday of the Year

17th/18th August 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 124: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 39; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53
Next Week: 21st Sunday of the Year: Page: 127: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30



Luke 12:49

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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

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

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

If you have ever had the experience of doing what is right, but still being a source of blame or dissension, today's readings should give you some comfort.

It seems that it is impossible to please everyone, and even the best act can be a source of condemnation and exclusion. Today's readings illustrate this in the context of faith: what is true and good will not necessarily be welcomed. Thus, in the first reading the prophet Jeremiah is thrown into a well for prophesying the fall of Jerusalem, and in the Gospel, Jesus explains how he himself will be a cause of division - even within families.

Of course, Jesus himself cannot truly be a cause of division. It is not he which divides us, but rather 'the sin that clings so easily'. Every selfish, proud or unjust thought, word or deed - which we all do - is a form of death that separates us, from our true selves, others, and ultimately, from God.

Yet it is not all doom and gloom. Jesus, the good doctor, came to remedy this sad state, and he did not come reluctantly to sort us out, but passionately desiring our good. As a surgeon cauterises a wound with heat, the love of Jesus desires to 'set fire' and cleanse us and our world: as he says, 'how I wish it were burning already!'

How then, are we to grasp this in our lives? The second reading describes how: *by grasping the encouragement of all the saints, and by looking to Jesus*. I just love it's description of life as a stadium, in which we, the living, are running and being cheered on by all those who have gone before us. These are our 'witnesses', described as a 'great cloud on every side' encouraging us to run and 'not lose sight of Jesus'. The consolation here is that Jesus himself was not unfamiliar with suffering or adversity. When we 'think of the way he stood such opposition', as the reading puts it, we know that He is with us in our own trials - in fact, he has been there before us, and is therefore able to lead us through them.

So we can take heart - as it says, thinking on such things, 'you will not give up for want of courage.'

Dr Jordan

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Mia-Jane Correia, Allister Yadav Singh, Kayla Florence Ahmed and Kueigwong Tungwar who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2019 and **not** attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. This programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **1st September at 10am in St. Lawrence's School**. We require your child to attend Sunday School for **one year** prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Please see Jordan for more details. Registration forms are available in the porch. Please take one, complete and bring with you on **1st September**.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you have forgotten to register your child for First Holy Communion please contact Jordan as soon as possible via email jordanpulichino@rcdow.org.uk to make an appointment to see her. Registration forms are available at the back of Church.

CONFIRMATION 2020

If you live in the parish of St. Lawrence's, attend weekly Sunday Mass here and you are in School Year 9 or above in September 2019, you are invited to apply to be prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. Registration Forms are available in the porch. Please complete and bring your form to the Church on **Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th September** and **Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th September** between **4.00-6.00pm** to meet with Jordan. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised at St Lawrence's.

PARISH NOTICES

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST

Please note that Mass today will be at **9.00am** and not 9.30am. Morning Prayer will therefore be at 8.45am and Novena to Our Lady at 9.30am. Apologies for any inconvenience.

UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS?

Occasionally we learn of someone in the parish who has not been able to attend Mass for a while due to ill health or some other problem. If you know someone who is ill or you are ill yourself and would like a visit from the Pastoral Team please contact Fr John or the Parish Office.

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS

Bright Sparks are taking a summer break and will be back on **28th and 29th August**.

Feltham Connect will be taking their summer break on 20th and 27th August and return **Tuesday 3rd September**.

STOREHOUSE

Thank you for your continued support and donations to the Storehouse. Please note that we cannot accept fresh food i.e. vegetables or fruit, meat or fish products, ready meals or little gimmicky treats from airlines, etc.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

On **Saturday 21st September** we are planning a Fundraising Event that will reflect the International Flavour of our parish. Our 6pm Mass on the 21st will celebrate the many different languages and cultures we enjoy here at St. Lawrence's. Afterwards in the Parish Centre we hope to share the different foods and drinks from our diverse community. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Bridget Brinkley on 07805 299 941 or at mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk for details of how you can help and for more details.

PARISH NOTICEBOARDS

Parents/Guardians please stop your children from playing with the notices and removing the drawing pins. The notices are not play items.

RETREAT

Brother Johnson will be visiting and holding a Retreat on **Friday 23rd August** from 6pm to 11pm with Praise and Worship and on **Saturday 24th August** an all night Vigil/Retreat with Adorations, Rosary etc. from 11pm to 6am concluding with Mass.

FATIMA GROUP

The Our Lady of Fatima Group will meet in Church on **Friday 30th August** from 8pm to 10pm for Praise and Worship devotions

CARITAS

St Lawrence's parish and the Caritas Food Collective will be running a new holiday club, to help children and families access nutritious, healthy food and enjoy fun activities during the holidays. The first pilot day will be on **Friday 25th October** in the parish hall and we will need lots of volunteers to help make it happen. There are many different roles available with something to suit everyone such as catering, running children's activities, sorting food and administration. Volunteer training will be provided. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church or contact Anna Gavurin on 020 7931 6077 or at annagavurin@rcdow.org.uk.

If you had already put your name down on one of the lists, please do not do so again as it just duplicates and causes confusion.

REST IN PEACE

GEORGE GIBSON RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of George Gibson RIP who died recently. His funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Thursday 22nd August** 2019 at 2pm.

JACKIE RUSSELL (nee HANLON) RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jackie Russell RIP who died during the week. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 27th August** at 11am. Please also keep the families of George and Jackie in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Audrey Davies RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Mia-Jane Correia, Allister Yadav Singh, Kayla Florence Ahmed and Kueigwong Tungwar
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 18	18.00	Kathleen Hourihan RIP (Anniversary)
	09.00	Alice Deacon RIP
	11.00	Danladi Family in Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	15.00	Mass in Malayalam
Mon 19	18.00	People of the Parish
	9.30	Celebrant's Intention
Tues 20	09.00	Fr Gerry Burke RIP
Wed 21	09.30	Deceased members of the Britto Family RIP
Thurs 22	09.30	David Crawley RIP
Fri 23	09.30	Christopher Dias RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 24	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Lourdino Soares in Thanksgiving
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Mario Simoes RIP
Sun 25	19.00	Mass in Ukrainian
	09.00	Anita Calmiano RIP
	11.00	Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	In Thanksgiving – Rodrigues Family
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel D'Souza RIP		

Thank you for your generosity in the last week's collection:

10-11 August: Envelopes £704.64 Loose £1,017.39
Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,491.03**