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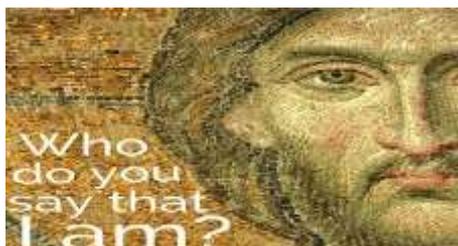
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd/24th August 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Readings Next Week: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27



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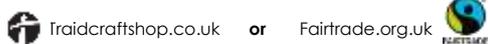
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MASS INTENTIONS

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



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Dear Friends

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples "Who do you say I am"? This question is addressed to each of us too. Over these past months, we will, I think, have had several opportunities to ask ourselves this question.

Obviously Jesus Christ is the Son of God, as St Peter answers here.

However, we should ask ourselves, who is Jesus for me? How and where does He fit into my life? Each of us will have our own unique answer – and that's as it should be. Each of us is unique and therefore has a unique set of relationships.

Over time our relationships change – rather like a dance; people and things move in and out of our circle at any one time. Although we may not necessarily see it at the time, this is often the work of Divine Providence, helping us, when we allow ourselves to be so helped, to move forward. There is one constant in all of this – God Himself and especially so in the Person of Jesus. He waits for us, especially in the tabernacle, in the Eucharist. We are assured of a place in His heart; He longs for a place in our hearts too, as a welcome guest, a boon companion, our surest Friend. Once we make this connection, we will be the happiest people around, because we will be living in a truly authentic way, with God at the centre of our lives.

We are members of the Body of Christ – the Church, the foundations of which are faith, hope and charity, held together by love. As we move towards the back end of this unusual summer, let's be examples of love in action, in our homes and wider communities. When we do this, we will do more good than we can ever know!

Let's pray for each other!

FR. JOHN LOUIS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22	11am	Bridget D'Souza RIP
Sun 23	9am 11am	Christopher Dias RIP (2 nd Anniversary) Esther-Kusi Appiah RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 24	11am	Lourdino Soares RIP (Birthday)
Tues 25	11am	Anita Calmiano RIP
Wed 26	11am	REQUIEM MASS – GRAHAM JOHNSTON RIP
Thurs 27	11am	Mary Roga RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 28	11am	Antonio Pires – 60 th Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 29	11am	Stefania Wolanska RIP
Sun 30	9am 11am	Deceased members of the Radjadin Family RIP Lawrence Furtado RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: For victims of Covid 19		

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.
- Masses are still available on websites.
- Confessions by appointments.
- 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 8th August face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship. All those attending church must wear a face covering.**

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

FR. JOHN

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Maya Sivert, Maria Isabella Ordone, Zanuek Nathan Marques, Krystal Valanka Travassos, Emmanuel Jesus Carvalho, Gianna Francesca Viegas, Braelyn Mikitha Mathias, Ezekiel De Souza, Hope Tojo and Darcie Hopper who were baptised recently and to Pia Pereira, Zephora Fernandes, Carlzeah Cleonora Fernandes and Asher Antonio Fernandes who will be baptised this weekend. We extend our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NOTICE

First Holy Communion will be on two September weekends: 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th. 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.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

William John Anthony, Maureen Kathleen Brown, Robert Mackintosh, Graham Johnston, Michael Nsiah, and all who have died with the Pandemic.

The Requiem Mass for **Graham Johnston** will take place here on **Wednesday 26th August** at 11am.

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.

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

Bidding Prayers for the week:

Knowing that we all belong to the family of God, we confidently bring before our Lord all our needs, and the needs of the entire Church and world.

We pray for Pope Francis as he asks each of us to bring our own life story to the Lord. As we journey through life, experiencing both pain and joy, let us remember to 'bring our story to the Lord' through prayer.

We pray for those working in retail, as many worry about the uncertainty of the high street and fear the news of further job losses. May they place their confidence in God's plan, may the Holy Spirit surround them and ease their troubled minds.

We pray for pupils that have collected their GCSE results this week. May they now be guided on a successful path to future learning whereby they can realise their true potential.

We pray that families, during this holiday season, will grow closer to each other in love and understanding. May the Lord bless them with health, happiness and safety.

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

Eternal God, we make these prayers in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Message from Kelly O'Neill, Director of Public Health at Hounslow Council - 15 August 2020

"Last night we received data from Public Health England which showed cases of coronavirus continue to increase in the borough, with a large rise in numbers over the past two days. Cases are concentrated in Heston, Hounslow Central/West, Cranford and Chiswick, but also in other areas.

"The spread of cases suggests it's due to wider family and friend groups meeting and not maintaining social distancing.

"We should not forget how awful the situation was for many of our residents earlier this year. More than 230 people lost their lives and thousands of others became seriously ill, with many still feeling the impact today. Coronavirus is still lethal. Lives are still at risk.

"We need everyone to keep their distance from people who do not live in their home. Stay 2 metres away from them at all times where possible.

"Please, do your bit to help reduce the spread and keep your family and friends safe.

"If we do not reduce this contact cases will keep rising, more lives will be put in danger and we risk a local lockdown in the borough.

"You can spread coronavirus without symptoms. Don't be the one who makes your vulnerable friends and relatives sick.

"People who ignore social distancing are making a choice to put themselves and others at risk. They may be fine, but the people they infect, particularly if they're elderly or have long-term health conditions such as diabetes or heart problems, may not."

Continue to follow all Government advice.

Fr John would like to thank all the stewards for their great work and dedication. They help us to keep safe while in Church.

Please remember to wear masks in Church and to keep a safe distance. Thank you.