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Twenty First Sunday of the Year

25th/26th August 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Page 123: Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Next Week: Twenty Second Sunday of the Year: Page 126: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

The Gospels that we have heard at Mass for the last five weeks have been from Chapter 6 of John. This has been a little unusual as apart from weeks 17 to 21 in year B (where we are now) we only get to hear these gospels during Easter time.

In Chapter 6 John reveals to us The Eucharist, The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but today's Gospel consolidates this thread and moves the focus ever so slightly to faith.

Abraham, our father in faith

Faith opens the way before us and accompanies our steps through time. Hence, if we want to understand what faith is, we need to follow the route it has taken, the path trodden by believers, as witnessed first in the Old Testament. Here a unique place belongs to Abraham, our father in faith. Something disturbing takes place in his life: God speaks to him; he reveals himself as a God who speaks and calls his name. Faith is linked to hearing. Abraham does not see God, but hears his voice. Faith thus takes on a personal aspect. God is not the god of a particular place, or a deity linked to specific sacred time, but the God of a person, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, capable of interacting with man and establishing a covenant with him. Faith is our response to a word which engages us personally, to a "Thou" who calls us by name

(Lumen Fidei Verse 8. The first encyclical letter of Pope Francis)

Jesus declares that he is the bread that has come down from Heaven. Jesus is talking about faith. Faith (EVEN THOUGH A GIFT FROM GOD) still requires openness on our part. Jesus is the source of eternal life for those who believe in him. He is the manna from heaven, He is the servant of Elijah. He is also preparing us for his death and resurrection and of course by this he is talking about The Eucharist.

Jesus stays by our side and gives us bread, Not ordinary bread - but the BREAD OF LIFE -

In the strength we gain from this bread Jesus will walk with us all the way to the mountain of GOD

- AND BY THAT I MEAN ETERNAL LIFE !!

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

A warm welcome to Fr Peter Shekelton, our new Assistant Priest who arrived during the week.

Please keep him in your prayers as he starts his ministry in Feltham.

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May this year 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.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 AND CHILDREN CURRENTLY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you missed returning your application form, there is still time. Please do so as soon as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2018 and not attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. The Sunday School programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **9th 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 Fr John if you require more details

PARISH NOTICES

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL CAR PARK

Thank you for your patience with the disruption to access and parking in the school car park during the summer break. This was due to works being carried out in the school.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF CARDINAL CORMAC

On the first anniversary of the death of Cardinal Cormac, **Saturday 1st September**, a memorial Mass will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral at 12.30pm. Cardinal Vincent will preside and Mgr. Martin Hayes will preach. All are welcome

GOOD NEWS

The long awaited **After School Club** will be opening at St Lawrence's School on **4th September 2018** from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. If you would like your child to attend please contact Julie or Sarah on 07971 994669 as soon as possible as places are limited. Email: Teddschildcare@gmail.com

CONNECT@FELTHAM

Connect@Feltham provides a safe place for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities who would like to take part in Art, Music and Dance activities as well as learning basic cooking skills. They are now on a summer break returning **September 4th**.

FEAST OF OUR LADY - SEPTEMBER 8TH

Jo and Teresita of the Filipino Community invite you to join them for the **12 noon Mass on September 8th** to celebrate the feast of Our Lady's birthday followed by refreshments, praise and worship in the Parish Centre.

ST LAWRENCE PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group are now on their summer break and reconvene on **Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm**.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Day of Reflection has been planned for all Eucharistic Ministers for **Saturday 6th October** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and questions. The day will end at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

A similar day has been planned for all Readers for **Saturday 10th November** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and back to Church for practice in reading and projection of voice ending at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

PILGRIMAGES

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK, IRELAND

We are planning a pilgrimage to the Knock Shrine from **6th-9th September 2019**. The price per person is £499 including return transfer from Church, flight with hand luggage, all transfers, 3 nights hotel with breakfast and dinner. Single room supplement £100 for the 3 nights. Please see flyer on the noticeboard.

Booking Forms are now available in the porch. Please complete and return to Florie in the Parish Office. You need to have Travel Insurance in order to travel, the EHIC card is not sufficient.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Saturday 22nd September**. It will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and other Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the pilgrimage this year will centre on the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. There will be a special blessing for families and the family home. The day will include a pilgrim Mass, picnic lunch, rosary procession ending with prayers and Benediction in the Priory grounds. The cost per person is £20.00. Those who have expressed interest and signed your name, **to secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to Florie in the Parish Office.**

GOAN ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

A pilgrimage led by the Goan Chaplain, Fr Patrick D'Souza will take place on **Saturday 1st September** to the Friary, Aylesford Priory. The event will take place from 11am until 6pm. Please see poster for details of local pick up points.

GOAN CHAPLAINCY DAY LOCAL CELEBRATIONS 2018

Please see details on the notice board for celebrations in Hounslow and Southall in September.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day and Evening for Admission to Year 7 in 2019 will be held on **Thursday, 27th September 2018**, 8.45 am – 10.15 am, 11.00 am – 12.20 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm (tours last approximately 1 hour – no appointment necessary). Address by the Headteacher, James McNulty at 6.45 pm and 7.30 pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25 th	11.00	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Eric & Marie Brumwell and Frank Stackpoole RIP
	17.00	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
	18.00	Anita Calmiano RIP
Sun 26 th	09.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Danladi Family in Thanksgiving
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
	18.00	Maureen & Patrick Murray RIP
Mon 27 th	09.30	Jim Trainer RIP
Tues 28 th	09.30	Nuala Eacott RIP
Wed 29 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thurs 30 th	09.30	Rosalin & Caitano Coelho and Luis Siqueira RIP
Fri 31 st	09.30	Lawrence Furtado RIP (First Anniversary)
Sat 1 st	11.00	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Erwin Gorczynski RIP (Anniversary)
	13.30	<i>(with Baptism of Cristos Molefesis)</i> Wedding of Joseph McNeill and Laura Walmsley
	17.00	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
	18.00	People of the Parish
Sun 2 nd	09.00	Mary & Gabriel (Intention)
	11.00	Frank O'Connor RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Dewan, James & Videa Joseph RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Gloria Ordone Villanueva RIP		

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 and 5pm

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

18-19 August: Envelopes £803.94; Loose: £1,028.32;
Standing Orders: £845.00 **Total: £2,677.26**