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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th/30th August 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Readings Next Week: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 12:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20



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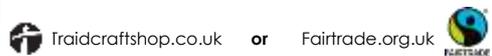
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MASS INTENTIONS

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



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Dear Friends

So far this year has been difficult for humanity. The worldwide pandemic has certainly challenged us to live a more conscientious life than before. And even as lockdown restrictions are eased it seems to me that a new lockdown may not be far away. I do wonder if things are worse now than they might have been if it were not for people either breaking social distancing rules or believing in ridiculous conspiracy theories.

In a strange way I have often thought reading the letters of St Paul as a bit like reading someone else's mail. In today's second reading St Paul states quite succinctly "Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you." My first thought was that in first century Rome things must have been every bit as chaotic as they are today here in Feltham.

Our current situation coupled with St Paul's vivid description of the role of Christian converts in first century Rome truly helps us to understand today's Gospel. In today's Gospel scene Matthew illustrates for us exactly what it is that Jesus must do. Peter was expecting some kind of military or political leader, but Jesus tells the apostles that this is not what he was sent from heaven for. He says he is to suffer and be put to death. It was this idea of a Messiah that was sent to suffer for us that Peter couldn't accept and like any friend, Peter tried to stop him.

Being a Christian is always going to be a challenge and particularly so for Catholic Christians. I recently read a comment written in 1948 by the Algerian born, French philosopher Albert Camus, where he said "The world today needs Christians who remain Christians" A bit of a strange thing to say as Camus identified as an atheist, but I have to say in this context I would agree with him.

We must remain Catholic Christians and our devotion to Christ will involve sacrifice, and at times that won't be easy, but it will be easier with love, perhaps even a love inspired by Peter's impetuous love. Love of Christ, gifts to us the ability to turn our cross (perhaps lockdown or anything associated from lockdown) from a snake into a ladder. What Jesus did for us in his passion was to show us his love for us and for his Heavenly Father.

Have a Blessed Week.

Deacon Colin

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29	11am	Stefania Wolanska RIP
Sun 30	9am	Deceased members of the Radjadin Family RIP
	11am	Lawrence Furtado RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Mon 31	11am	Peter Quinn RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 1	11am	Erwin Gorozynski RIP (5 th Anniversary)
Wed 2	11am	Stefania Wolanska RIP
Thurs 3	11am	Ian Webb in Thanksgiving
Fri 4	11am	Mrs Gallagher RIP
Sat 5	11am	Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary)
	3pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sun 6	9am	Gabriel D'Souza RIP
	11am	Jackie Russell nee Hanlon (1 st Anniversary)
	3pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sanctuary Lamp: Holy Souls RIP		

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

OUTDOOR MASSES

- As discussed at the end of both Masses last Sunday, we will be continuing with open-air Masses on Sundays 9.00am and 11.00am in the school playground until the end of September (weather permitting).

- From Saturday 5th September there will be confessions at 10.30am and during confessions there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church each Saturday. Mass will be at 11.00am

- From October 4th we will move back into the church with 1 metre distancing and everyone over the age of 11 should wear masks.

FR. JOHN

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Maya Sivert, Maria Isabella Ordone, Zaneuk Nathan Marques, Krystal Valanka Travassos, Emmanuel Jesus Carvalho, Gianna Francesca Viegas, Braelyn Mikitha Mathias, Ezekiel De Souza, Hope Tojo, Darcie Hopper, Pia Pereira, Zephora Fernandes, Carlzeah Cleonora Fernandes and Asher Antonio Fernandes who were baptised recently. 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. Weather permitting Mass may be outdoors. Thank you.

Bidding Prayers for the week:

Lifting up our hearts in prayers, we call upon the name of God as we now turn to the Father and ask:

We pray for our spiritual leaders: that by word and example they may show us how to accept suffering in the spirit of Christ.

For our persecuted brothers and sisters in every part of the world: that they may persevere in faith and courage, and that their trust in God will never fail.

For human traffickers, for drug pushers and for all who cause harm to others: that they may recognise the evil they do and be brought to a change of heart.

For all the unemployed, for all who are in financial difficulty, and those that are struggling to cope day after day, night after night. Let us share what we have with others and always do our best to help those in need.

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

Lord God, as we give thanks for the example of your Son, we pray that we may have courage to follow him as true disciples. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

REST IN PEACE

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

Patricia Frost, William John Anthony, Maureen Kathleen Brown, Graham Johnston, Michael Nsiah, Noel Joseph (The Mouse) Monaghan, and all those who have died with the Pandemic.

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: WRC DT Feltham

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS