

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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First Sunday of Advent

30th November/1st December 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Order of Mass: Page; 7; Readings: Page: 82: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44
Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent: Page: 85: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12



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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

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**NO CAFOD COFFEE MORNING ON
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

There is a sense of movement and anticipation in today's readings. The tradition of lighting the Advent candles each Sunday is one way of bringing this movement to life. The Lord Jesus is coming. We are moving towards Christmas. We are also moving towards the end time and the second coming as Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel.

The first candle we light on the Advent wreath is the candle of HOPE. We light this candle to remind us that Jesus is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises He has made to us and for the light He has brought into the world:

*Lord, God of Hope
only you can see into our hearts
and know that in the busyness of our lives
there is a deep longing to make this Advent season
one that welcomes you more deeply into our lives. Amen.*

NIGHT SHELTER

The night shelter for the homeless will begin in the middle of February until the end of March. Seven churches will be taking part hosting the homeless each night of the week. St. Lawrence's parish will host on Friday nights in the Parish Centre. We will need volunteers:

1. To welcome those who stay
2. To cook an evening meal
3. To stay overnight
4. To cook breakfast the following morning
5. To tidy up after breakfast

There is a sheet in the porch for you to sign up for whichever area you would like to volunteer for.

FR. JOHN

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Edward Stokes, Delilah Dixie, Acacia Alexander, Fletcher Orpwood and Alexis Amparbena who will be baptised this weekend. We also offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 3rd December** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION 2020

The next Confirmation Class for Candidates is on **Thursday 5th December** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 7th December at 10am** in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

A beautiful luxury Christmas Hamper is being raffled and on display the next two weekends. Raffle tickets on sale at £1 per strip or £5 for 6 strips. The draw will take place on **Sunday 15th December** after the 11am Mass in the Parish Centre.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 2nd December** at 7.30pm. An interesting film of Kew Gardens will be given during the evening. Also last arrangements for the Christmas Party will be given.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome the children of St Lawrence's School for their Gift Mass on **Wednesday 4th December** at 9.30am. There is no Morning Prayer that day.

ADVENT RESOURCES

To help in your journey through Advent, there are 3 books available for personal or group reflections. Walk with Me - £1.00, Day by Day £.100 and Bible Alive - £2.50 and other leaflets in the CTS leaflet stand.

CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYING WITH CHILDREN.

For catechists and all those who are interested. The next part of this course is on **Monday 9th December**, at 7.30 - 9pm in the Parish Centre by Anna Dupelycz from the Diocese. Its free, refreshments will be available.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER

The Caritas Westminster Advent Giving Calendar is available at the back of Church. The Calendar gives suggestions for items which we can put in our box for Storehouse

MISSIO

Collectors please collect calendars for distribution. If anyone has a red Missio box at home, please return as soon as possible so that we can send off the money to Missio before Christmas.

RECEPTION SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Reception Class on the following dates and times. To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch before your preferred date. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots for each date. On the day of your appointment please come with your child and wait in Church. Make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice

December - Saturday 14th 9.30am-10.30am

January - Saturday 11th 9.30am-10.30am

ADVENT FAYRE THANK YOU

A huge big **THANK YOU** to all who supported the event, those who helped set up, run stalls, donate gifts, cook all the delicious food and those who helped to clear up. A few raffle prizes are awaiting collection, please do so this Sunday:

Reference AG332348 Blue ticket numbers 15, 196, 202 & 300

Reference AG372010 Pink ticket numbers 91 & 209

Reference AD533006 Yellow ticket numbers 249 & 296

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr John and Fr John Louis will be available to hear Confessions before Christmas on **Tuesday 17th December** - Exposition and Confessions 7.00pm-8.00pm

COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley will be hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of the Parish Centre on **Sunday 8th December** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Offers of help and donations of cakes would be gratefully received.

BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN VISIT

On **Sunday 15th December** we are pleased to welcome Bishop Paul McAleenan who will be presiding at the 11am Mass to admit to Candidacy four men currently in formation to become Permanent Deacons. After Mass there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre and an opportunity for you all to meet the Bishop, Candidates and other Deacons. **Please note that the Church Car Park will be CLOSED from 10am.**

CAROL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This service organised by Lodge Brothers Funeral Service will be held in Church on **Sunday 15th December at 3.30pm**. All are invited to remember our departed loved ones at this special time of year and to light a candle for them, as well as joining in our favourite carols. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

MASS BOOKINGS 2020

We will be taking Mass Intentions for next year from **Tuesday 3rd December, from 10am-11am**. Each family can offer **three (3) Masses only** to be said in St Lawrence's for the year. Any intentions over that will be sent to the Missions. This will enable every parishioner to have a Mass said in Church. The Mass Stipend remains at £10.00 per Mass as recommended by the Diocese, this also applies to Masses being sent to the Missions.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL

The Junior children of St Lawrence would like to invite the people from the Parish to their Nativity Story in the church on **Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 2.00pm** and **Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm**.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Celine Keene RIP, Mary A Smith RIP, Maureen Field RIP, Anthony Murphy RIP and Alan Bradford RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

CELINE ANGELA KEENE RIP - Her Requiem will take place here on **Friday 6th December** at 10am. This is the Parish Mass that day.

THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED.

MAUREEN FIELD RIP - Her Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 11th December** at 11.30am.

Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly for **Mary Smith RIP, Alan Bradford RIP and Anthony Murphy RIP**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Carmelita Ordone in Birthday Thanksgiving Baptisms of Delilah Dixie, Acacia Alexander, Fletcher and Alexis Amparbeng Sacrament of Reconciliation Brigid Quinn RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 1	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Frank O'Connor RIP Timothy Cahalane RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) In Thanksgiving Godinho Family
Mon 2	09.30	Lourenco Family (Intentions)
Tues 3	09.30	Jerry Dias in Thanksgiving
Wed 4	09.30	Fernandes Family in Thanksgiving (with School)
Thurs 5	09.30 18.00- 19.00	Joyce Shoniwa RIP Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary devotions
Fri 6	10.00 Noon- 15.00	REQUIEM MASS - CELINE A KEENE RIP Sacred Heart Devotion with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 7	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Rose Marie & Keith Calmiano in Thanksgiving Baptism of Kenviya Carvalho Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family
Sun 8	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Philip & Anne Sheridan RIP (Anniversary) Mario Godinho RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Roque Pasquale De Souza RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuela Danladi in Thanksgiving		

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

23-24 November: Envelopes £844.46 Loose £951.39

Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,564.85**

Sick & Retired Priests: 1,087.55