

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Third Sunday of Advent

12th/13th December 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John: 1:6-8, 19-28

Readings Next Week - Fourth Sunday of Advent: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16; Psalm 88; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38



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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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Westminster Year Books 2021

Available for sale: £4.50 plain bound,
£5.00 ring bound

 faircraftshop.co.uk or Fairtrade.org.uk 

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Introduction: Today we hear about John the Baptist, who came to tell everyone to get ready for Jesus who is the light of the world. Let's think about what that means.

Opening Prayer: God of light, you sent your Son into the world to guide us and show us how to live. Help us to follow his example by loving and caring for others. Amen

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 – "God sent his messenger, a man named John, who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. He himself was not the light, he came to tell us about the light".

Gospel Reflection: At the beginning it talks a lot about the light. The light is another name for someone very special. Can you think who that might be?

Jesus is the light of the world. This reading says that John the Baptist came to tell everyone Jesus was coming.

Why do you think Jesus is called the light of the world? Jesus is the Son of God and he shows us how we should live – he is a shining light in the darkness for us to follow.

Bidding Prayers: John the Baptist asks us to get ready for Jesus and so we pray together for God's help.

We pray for all people around the world who are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus: that we may not forget those who need our help at this special time.

Lord in your mercy ...

We pray for all people who are poor, hungry, sick or alone: that they may be filled with the joy and peace of Christ. *Lord in your mercy ...*

We pray for our parish community, family and friends: that we may be kind and generous to others as we prepare for the coming of Christ. *Lord in your mercy..*

Closing Prayer: Generous God, as we prepare for the coming of your Son Jesus, help us to remember all our brothers and sisters in our global family and to share your love with them. Amen

Blessing: Prayer for the light of the world:

God of light, shine brightly, show us how to bring hope to others.

God of mercy help us to comfort people and to share their joy.

God of hope help us this Advent to share your light with others.

Amen

We light the 3rd Candle today. Like John the Baptist we are called to be light bearers, to carry Jesus' love and light to those we meet in our daily lives.

As we celebrate this season of Advent may we grow in hopefulness and gratitude and may the light of Jesus shine brighter than this winter darkness, inspiring us with acts of kindness and compassion.

FR JOHN

MASSES TIMES

- Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Church only.
- Sunday 9am and 11am Church and the Parish Centre
- On Saturdays there will be Confessions at 10.30am and during Confessions there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and at 5.30pm.
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers



SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS



THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

11.00am – Mass

5.00pm, 7.00pm and 9.00pm – Masses in Church and the Parish Centre

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am and 11.00am – Masses in Church and the Parish Centre, 1.00pm – Mass in Polish, No evening Mass

SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER – ST STEPHEN (BOXING DAY)

11.00am – Mass, 1.00pm - Mass in Polish
No evening Mass

SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

9am and 11.00am – Masses in Church and the Parish Centre, 1.00pm – Mass in Polish

MONDAY 28- THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER

11.00am – Mass

FRIDAY 1 JANUARY 2021 – NEW'S YEAR'S DAY

11.00am Mass, 1.00pm Mass in Polish

SATURDAY 2 JANUARY

11.00pm – Mass,
5.00pm – Vigil Mass for Sunday

SUNDAY 3 JANUARY – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

9.00am and 11.00am – Masses in Church and the Parish Centre, 1.00pm – Mass in Polish

Whilst there is no obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day, many people will want to celebrate the birth of Christ. One way in which more people can participate in the 'days of the Nativity of the Lord' is by attending Mass during the Christmas Octave, from Christmas Day until the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on 1 January. *Bishop John Sherrington*

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

Meditate

John the Baptist appears in today's readings with a specific mission: to bear witness to Jesus, the Light. Given the current situation of uncertainty, many might think they are in darkness. We are called, by being who we are, to point to Jesus, light of the world

Act

Christ is the Light. make sure that at your times of prayer or in your "prayer corner", you lit a candle representing Jesus, the Light of the world coming to us.

SACRAMENTS

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to Hannah Brinkley and David Pealing who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020/2021

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2020 and is not attending a Catholic School please email theresafernandes@aol.com for a registration form. This year classes will be by zoom. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

RCIA COURSE 2020-21

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, either as an enquirer or a "returner", then the "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course is for you!! It's an opportunity to ask all those questions you thought up, but never quite got round to asking!! There is no commitment at the early stage – you may have a taster and decide you want to continue, or perhaps come back later on. This year, as with other Sacramental Classes, the course will be delivered via Zoom, at a time to be agreed with the participants. For more information please contact me by email johnlabor@rcdow.org.uk. Fr John Louis

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR GROUP 2

Registration for Confirmation classes beginning on **Thursday 14th January 2021** are now open. As for the first group, there will be five weekly sessions delivered over Zoom. For a Registration Form and further information, please contact Theresa Fernandes: theresafernandes@aol.com

SCHOOLS

Reception Form signing - Please phone Fr John on 0787 905 8732

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Florin Gheorghie Cimisliu** and all those who have passed away recently.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON:

Funerals: Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people, and it is advised that only close friends and family attend. Linked ceremonial events such as stone settings and ash scatterings can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance. Anyone working i.e. the priest, cantor, organist, pallbearers, stewards, etc. is not included in the 30.

Baptisms: Maximum of 6 including the child to be baptised

Weddings: From 2nd December weddings can take place in Church with a maximum of 15 people in attendance including the bride and groom.

NHS COVID-19 Test and Trace App: Please try and use this if you can.

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 'THE HUB'

As a school we have successfully launched 'The Hub' this week. This is a resource for our community to access support during these difficult times. We currently are able to offer food parcels including toiletries and cleaning products. If you require any of the above or know someone who does please contact us on Thehub@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk. Your request will be handled confidentially and we will organise collection at a time which suits. You can also contact Fr John on his mobile 0787 905 8732.

NEED HELP OR EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY?

Once again as we enter lockdown Caritas Westminster are able to offer some help with food vouchers. If you or anyone you know is experiencing financial difficulty at this time please contact Bridget Brinkley on 07805 299 941 or e-mail mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk. I will help you complete a short application form so you can get the necessary help you need. Please text, WhatsApp or leave a voice mail and I will return any call I miss ASAP. Please continue to pray for each other at this difficult time for so many and please keep in contact with others, no one should be alone during this time. *Bridget*
Please see Advent giving poster from Caritas on the website.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12	11am 6pm	Gaza Iglesias Family Intentions Mary Chacko RIP (2nd Anniversary)
Sun 13	9am 9am 11am 11am	Eamon O'Brien RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] Denis Agbagwara RIP [C] Bridget Quinn RIP (Anniversary) [PC]
Mon 14	11am	Andrew Omoniyodo in Birthday Thanksgiving
Tues 15	11am	Roque Colaco RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 16	11am	Pham & Nguyen Families in Thanksgiving
Thurs 17	11am	Jaime Vicente Mendes and deceased family members RIP
Fri 18	11am	Michael Hurley RIP
Sat 19	11am 6pm	Ray Palmer, Daisy & Bernard O'Connor RIP Deceased members of the McGillicuddy and Crawley Families
Sun 20	9am 9am 11am 11am	Mary D'Souza in Thanksgiving [C] People of the Parish [PC] Matthew Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary) [C] Mary D'Souza RIP [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: Emmanuella Danladi in Thanksgiving		

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