

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Third Sunday of Advent

14th/15th December 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 88: Isaiah 35:1-6,10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Next Week: 4th Sunday of Advent: Page: 90: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24



Rejoice!

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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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From his prison cell John the Baptist wants to know if Jesus is the one who was to come – *the Messiah*. John wants to renew his hope and restore inner peace, and Jesus does just that.

Jesus sends John a report of his own lifestyle – caring for the sick and the poor, miracles of healing, the preaching of God's kingdom of forgiveness and new beginnings. This was not what John expected from a Messiah but it was what God intended the Messiah to be. John understands and is confirmed in his faith.

Who will confirm our faith and rekindle our hope? The answer is simple. From our prisons of fear, failure, selfishness or doubt, we too must send word to Jesus that we need Him. Jesus will surely come to us with all his healing love and reassurance.

The third Advent candle this week is the 'Candle of Joy'. Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we reflect on this candle, we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

*Lord, may we believe
that your presence in the world
gives joy to all who believe in you
and may we share this joy and good news
with all we meet in word and action. Amen.*

A warm welcome to Bishop Paul McAleenan to our Parish today and congratulations to Rolly Leon, Peter Jones, David Lawrence and Anthony Cecile who were admitted to Candidacy for Ordination as Deacons and to Brendan Day who has been Instituted as Lector at Mass today.

FR. JOHN

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **TUESDAY** GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 17th December** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will restart after the Christmas break on Tuesday 14th January.

ENROLMENT FOR THE SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

Registration Forms are available in the porch for the Second Group of Candidates. Please complete and bring your form to the Church on **Wednesday 8th January** or **Thursday 16th January** between **4.30-6.30pm** to meet with Jordan. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised at St Lawrence's. Classes will start on 23rd January.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 11th January at 10am** in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

ADVENT FAYRE – Thank you once again for your support. All monies are now in and a grand total of **£1,830** was raised for the Parish Centre. *Bridget Brinkley*

COFFEE MORNING - Helen Hurley would like to thank all who supported the Coffee morning last weekend and to all who helped, donated cakes, etc. A sum of **£351.37** was raised for the Parish Centre.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The draw for this beautiful luxury Christmas Hamper takes place on **Sunday 15th December** after the 11am Mass in the Parish Centre. Raffle tickets on sale at £1 per strip or £5 for 6 strips.

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.

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:

- To welcome those who stay
- To cook an evening meal
- To stay overnight
- To cook breakfast the following morning
- 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.

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

RECEPTION SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Reception Class on **January – Saturday 11th 9.30am-10.30am**. To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots. 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

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**.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Children are invited to come to 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve dressed as a character from the Nativity (not Mary or Joseph). If you would like to make a birthday card for Jesus, please bring it to this Mass.

STAMP COLLECTING

Caritas Deaf Service collects old stamps to send to Macmillan Cancer Care. If you are able to collect your stamps over the festive period and drop them into Box in the porch marked **Stamps for Caritas** by 12th January, these will be given to Joseph our local Caritas Development worker. Please cut around the stamps leaving a border of about 1cm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A collection will be taken up the weekend of 21/22 December at all Masses.

CARITAS CHRISTMAS FOOD STALL

After the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday 22nd December** we will be holding a free Christmas Food Stall in the Parish organised by the Caritas Food Collective. All the food will be provided by The Felix Project, who rescue perfectly good food that would have gone to waste and make sure it goes to a good home. Please bring along a bag and help yourself to the free food to make sure we are all doing our bit to tackle food waste this Christmas. The Caritas Food Collective are a new project by Caritas Westminster working to ensure everyone gets enough to eat and no food goes to waste, to find out more visit www.caritasfoodcollective.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077.

ACCESS TO THE GREEN

In recent weeks we have had a few issues with parishioners being disrespectful to our neighbours when accessing the Church Car Park. PLEASE, be courteous, give consideration and respect to our neighbours and to those around you. Kindly remember The Green is a private road.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

The Parish Annual Senior Citizen's "Christmas" party will take place on **Sunday 12th January** from 12noon to 4pm. 60 places only. Please put your name down **once only** on the lists in the porch if you would like to come or if you can help. Details from Philomena Franklin.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Lourdin (LUDO) Soares RIP, Mary A Smith RIP, Jim Swinney RIP and Anthony Murphy RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

LOURDIN (LUDO) SOARES RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Friday 20th December** at 9.30am. **THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL EXCEPT IMMEDIATE FAMILY.**

MARY A SMITH RIP – Her Requiem will take place on **Monday 23rd December** at 11am.

Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly for Jim Swinney RIP and Anthony Murphy RIP.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 14 | 11.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 11.00 | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| | 12.00 | Andrew Omoniyodo in Thanksgiving |
| | 17.00 | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Sun 15 | 18.00 | Barbara Ann and Ivy Adams in Thanksgiving |
| | 09.00 | Gabriel D'Souza RIP |
| | 11.00 | Esther Parker RIP (with Admittance to Candidacy) |
| | 13.00 | Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) |
| Mon 16 | 14.5.30 | Lodge Brothers Carol Service of Remembrance |
| | 18.00 | David Crawley RIP |
| | 09.30 | Diego Manuel D'Costa RIP |
| | Tues 17 | 09.30 |
| Wed 18 | 09.30 | James Quinn RIP (Anniversary) |
| Thurs 19 | 09.30 | Abigail & Retinha Fernandes in Thanksgiving |
| | 18.00-19.00 | Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary devotions |
| Fri 20 | 09.30 | REQUIEM MASS – LOURDIN (LUDO) SOARES RIP |
| Sat 21 | 11.00 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 11.00 | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| | 12.00 | Daisy & Bernard O'Neill and Ray Palmer RIP |
| | 12.45 | Baptisms of Aaron Fernandes, Ezekiel Chen, Molly-Rose Howe and Baby Rodrigues |
| Sun 22 | 17.00 | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| | 18.00 | Bertha, John & Michael McDonagh RIP |
| | 09.00 | Eamon O'Brien RIP |
| | 11.00 | Intentions of the Ordonea Family |
| Sun 22 | 13.00 | Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) |
| | 14.30 | Mass led by the African Community |
| | 18.00 | Deceased members of the McGillicuddy Family RIP |
| | Sanctuary Lamp: Ted Chapple RIP | |

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

7-8 December: Envelopes £601.17 Loose £651.69

Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,021.86**