

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Second Sunday after the Nativity

25th/26th December 2021
1st/2nd January 2022



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 105): Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127;
Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) (Page 109) Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 66; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Next Week: 2nd Sunday after the Nativity (Page 111): Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12; Psalm 147; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18;
John 1:1-18
The Epiphany of the Lord [6th January] (Page 115): Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
The Baptism of the Lord [9th January] (Page 118): Isaiah 42:1-4, 5-7; Palm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



CHRISTMAS, 2021

Until last Tuesday, there was so much uncertainty whether Christmas for this year would go ahead or not because of the rapid rise in the rate of infection of the virus. That said, it will never change nor be cancelled that Jesus the Son of God was born in Bethlehem to save us his people. In the Gospel for the midnight Mass of Christmas taken from Lk. 2:1-14, St Luke the Evangelist situates the time of these events in their historical context - in the era of the reign of Caesar Augustus; and Quirinius, the governor of Syria.

Christmas is unique and comparable to no other season because God became Man for our sake. He took on what was lower and improper to him - human flesh - in order to become more accessible and relatable to us like never before. By his self-emptying, God teaches us humility and selfless love. He invites us, by the same token, to follow in this example.

The Evangelist's description of this joyful event - a baby wrapped in swaddling cloth and lying in a manger - also reminds us of the vulnerability of the human life; the loving care that it needs and should be given. We must therefore never give in to the pressure to accept that the precious gift of life can or should be easily disposed of for convenience sake.

Amongst other reasons why this Christmas is also special to me is that it is my first in St Lawrence Parish. Thankfully we are celebrating it together in church as a parish community. Less, it would have been regrettably remembered as one that was cancelled.

I feel settled now, though there is still more to learn. I am happy to be given the opportunity to serve, and to share this great gift of faith with you. The spirit of devotion and dedication in this parish is impressive and enriching. May all "Glory be to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour"!

A blessed and happy Christmas to you all!

Fr Joseph

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our church:

- It is now mandatory for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship unless you are exempt.
- When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when attending Church.
- Please adhere to government and local guidelines and maintain social distancing. Do not linger outside or mix with people outside of your group after Mass. Go straight home
- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

Mass - 8.00am, 9.30am & 11.00am; No evening Mass



Sunday 26 December - Feast of the Holy Family

Mass ~ 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1pm (Polish)

Monday 27 December - St John

Mass ~ 10.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)

Tuesday 28 - Thursday 30 December

Mass ~ 10.00am,

Friday 31 December - 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass ~ 10.00am, 10.30pm-11.30pm (Vigil led by the African Community)

Saturday 1st January - New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass ~ 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish); 5pm - Vigil Mass for Sunday



Sunday 2nd January - 2nd Sunday after the Nativity

Mass ~ 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (Polish)

Thursday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass ~ 10.00, 6.00pm, 7.30pm (Polish)



CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Our Christmas Crib Appeal is for the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you do not have a Planned Giving Envelope but would like to make a Christmas Offering, please take a "Christmas Offering" envelope from the porch.

MASS LED BY THE NIGERIAN CHAPLAINCY

The Nigerian Chaplaincy invite you all to join in a special *Vigil Mass* to bring in the New Year on Tuesday 31st December. The programme starts at 10.30pm with Devotions and finishing Holy Mass

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Patricia (Pat) Jayawardena RIP, Lawrence Murray RIP, Vivian Tankesley-Sawyer RIP, Bernard D'Souza RIP, Manuel Dionisio Gomes De Mendonca RIP, Alice Long RIP and Dulce Mendes RIP** who died recently. Please also keep their families and loved ones in your prayers at this time.

Lawrence Murray RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 5th January at 10am**. This will be the Parish Mass that day.

Pat Jayawardena's funeral arrangements will be announced when we get them.

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

The Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will, subject to Omicron guidelines, resume again every first Friday of each month from **January 7th** after the 10am Mass,

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 3.30pm to give time for all parishioners to drop in at their leisure to have an hour or two with our LORD, concluding with the Divine Mercy chaplet. In the event of a funeral mass, exposition will follow soon after.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS SCHOOL

...have a number of vacancies for the next academic year. For more details go to <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church or you can use the link below <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=262>

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25	8am 9.30am 11am	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish No Evening Mass
Sun 26	8am 9.30am 11am	Besmith and Dominic Fernandes RIP Brian Calmiano Family intentions Ordone Family intentions
Mon 27	10am	Deceased members of the Guild of St Stephen RIP
Tues 28	10am	Fidelis Dieseru RIP
Wed 29	10am	Derrick Juriansz RIP
Thurs 30	10am	Helen Abiegebe and Family in Thanksgiving
Fri 31	10am 10.30pm	Baby Myles Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary) Vigil for New Year led by the Nigerian Community
Sat 1 January	9.30am 11am 5.00pm	Sujatha Surenthiran in Thanksgiving Patricia Soares RIP (Anniversary) Jonah & Asima Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Sun 2	8am 9.30am 11am	Thomas Magill RIP Intentions of the Gorman & Reidy Families Penny Gunny (Intention)
Sanctuary Lamp: Neville & Valerie Gill RIP		

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Mon 3	10am	Ann Bagnall (Intentions)
Tues 4	10am	Sr Maura Halpin (Birthday Intention)
Wed 5	10am	REQUIEM MASS – LAWRENCE MURRAY RIP
Thurs 6	10am 6.00pm	Derrick Juriansz RIP (Anniversary) Neville Gill RIP (First Anniversary)
Fri 7	10am	Joe & Francesca Do Rosario RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 8	9.30am 11am 5.00pm	Sujatha Surenthiran in Thanksgiving Patricia Soares RIP (Anniversary) Jonah & Asima Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Sun 9	8am 9.30am 11am	Thomas Magill RIP Intentions of the Gorman & Reidy Families Penny Gunny (Intention)
Sanctuary Lamp: For all St Lawrence's parishioners (Intentions)		

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HAPPY NEW YEAR