

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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

**26th/27th December 2020
2nd/3rd January 2021**

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21;

Luke 2:22-40

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1 January): Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 66; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Next Week, 2-3 January 2021: Second Sunday After the Nativity: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12; Psalm 147;

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18; John 1:1-18

Epiphany of the Lord (6 January): Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



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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

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



Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

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Dear Friends,

I'm sure that all of you who are reading this are familiar with the festive song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" It is of course secular but some would argue that it reminds us that there are twelve days between Christmas and The Epiphany. I'm wondering if we had a carol entitled "The Eight Days of Christmas" we might be better aligned to our church's liturgy because for eight days (The Octave of Christmas) we are repeating the solemnity of Christmas Day, finishing on New Year's Day with the solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Despite having four days within the octave that are feasts: St Stephen, St Thomas Becket, the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family, each of these days is another "day of the octave of Christmas."

About eighteen months ago I was lucky enough to visit Nazareth, and whilst I was there, I was shown around a workshop that would have been like the workshop that Joseph worked in. It struck me that in many ways their lives when Jesus was a child wouldn't have been so different from our own. Of course, they wouldn't have had modern gadgets to make life easier but they would have had to work physically very hard just to put food on the table and they would have seen loved ones die. There is a good chance that they would have been victims of gossip after all, as far as their neighbours were concerned Jesus was a child born out of wedlock.

All of this is because Our Heavenly Father allowed His Son to live this life and in doing so put the family life of all of us within The Trinity. So like ourselves the main characteristic of The Holy Family was love. Perhaps during this octave of Christmas we could all find a few minutes to reflect with our own families so that we might better understand that God wants us too, to be a Holy Family.

On behalf of the Parish Team I Wish you all a blessed 2021

Deacon Colin



**Happy
New Year**

SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR



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

Bidding Prayers for the next two weeks:

Inspired by the word of God, we commend to our God and Father the needs of our brothers and sisters:

For the Church: that the infant Christ revealed as a light for all nations at his presentation in the temple may be a truly visible sign through the lives of his followers today.

For those living in the darkness of loneliness, marginalisation and despair, that the light of the gospel may open within them a new awareness of people who are no longer strangers, but brothers and sisters.

For all families: that this New Year will be a time of peace and abiding love.

For young people: that they may respond to the guidance God gives in their minds, so that they may be led by God in the choices they have to make in life.

For evangelists, catechists and spiritual directors: that the word of God may illumine our hearts and guide us to truth.

For all the parish community: that we all keep Jesus as the centre of our lives.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, 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.

Heavenly Father, you graciously receive all who come to you. We ask you to accept our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENTS

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.

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

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 johnntabor@rcdow.org.uk. Fr John Louis

OTHER

UCM DIARIES

If any UCM ladies would like a diary please ring Maureen on 020 8890 2365

MISSIO

Would Missio Reps please collect your calendars or contact Arlen

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael David Yaralli** 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/LOCAL AUTHORITY:

Funerals: Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people, Wakes up to 6 people. 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 20th December weddings are not allowed except in exceptional circumstances.

Places of worship: Open for communal worship or private prayer but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.

Please stay at home unless you have to go out. No household mixing aside from support bubbles.

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.

MASSES TIMES

- Saturday 5pm 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 with 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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26	11am 1pm	Brian Calmiano in Thanksgiving and Living & Deceased members of the Guild of St Stephen Mass in Polish NO EVENING MASS
Sunday 27	9am 9am 11am 11am 1pm	The Gorman Family [C] People of the Parish [PC] Vera Lobo RIP (Anniversary) [C] People of the Parish [PC] Mass in Polish
Monday 28	11am	Derrick Juriansz RIP
Tuesday 29	11am	In Thanksgiving Luis and Marina Bragança – 30 years of marriage
Wednesday 30	11am	Myles Rodrigues RIP
Thursday 31	11am	Manuel & Carmina Da Cunha RIP
Friday 1 January	11am 1pm	Patricia Soares RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish
Saturday 2	11am 5pm	James Swinney RIP Dympna Barrett RIP
Sunday 3	9am 9am 11am 11am 1pm	Rose Ezeh RIP [C] Georgina O'Hanlon (ill) [PC] Liam Bunce RIP [C] Veronica Charlton RIP [PC] Mass in Polish
Sanctuary Lamp: John D'Souza in Thanksgiving		

No One Has Ever Seen
God, But God The One
And Only, , Who Is At The
Father's Side, Has Made
Him Known.

John 1-18

BibleWordings.com

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Monday 4	11am	Anne Nolan RIP
Tuesday 5	11am	Liam Stack RIP
Wednesday 6	11am	Dan O'Flaherty RIP
Thursday 7	11am	Gladys Ivey RIP
Friday 8	11am	Intentions of Sr Nora and Friends
Saturday 9	11am 5pm	Sr Immaculate Murray RIP Clotilda Fernandes (Good Health)
Sunday 10	9am 9am 11am 11am 1pm	Graham Johnston [C] Jackie Russell nee Hanlon and the Hanlon Family RIP [PC] Intentions of Carmella De Souza [C] David Crawley RIP [PC] Mass in Polish
Sanctuary Lamp: Derrick Juriansz RIP (Anniversary)		

