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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th/20th February 2022



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 141): 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 102;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38
Next Week: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 144): Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; Psalm 91; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58;
Luke 6:39-45



A NEW WAY TO LOVE

I am sure we are all familiar with the great Commandment 'you must love your neighbour as yourself'. It is found in the Old Testament (Lev 19:18) but Jesus broadened it to include everyone, enemies as well as friends.

Jesus is telling us to love and not to hate. Hatred can be destructive and can sap our energy. Jesus offers us a new way; he challenges us to respond to darkness with light. Our hearts are made for love - not hate. Love softens the heart. Such is the vision of Jesus for all of us. Its inspiration is love received, love shared, love in the heart, love in action, empowering love, sustaining love. It's knowing that we are loved unconditionally by God.

I think about our own family and friends who have gone to their eternal reward who have enhanced not just our immediate family but also our wider community. People who were sincere, genuine, and energetic in sharing their love with others.

All of what Jesus is telling us can be summed up in the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule doesn't say 'treat others as they treat you! It says: treat others as you would like them to treat you'.

The image of God is at its best and brightest in us when we love.

Our grateful thanks to Cathy, Janet and Fr. Joseph who attended our Diocesan Synodal Gathering on Saturday 19th February with Cardinal Vincent at Westminster Cathedral. Thank you all for your views and contributions, with love and blessings.

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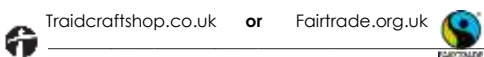
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MASS TIMES

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

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WELCOME BACK TO YOUR MINISTRIES.

Thanks be to God that things have improved a lot better and we are able to gather more than before since the pandemic to worship as one family of God. All those in the various ministries pre-Covid – Welcomers, Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Cleaners, Choir, Flower Arrangers, Counters – please come take up your ministries, if you haven't done so already; and are able and willing to continue to serve in these ministries.

For those in the Welcoming, Reader, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Counter and Cleaning ministries, please see the lists at the back of the church where you can put down your name as an expression of continuing interest to serve in the various ministries. These lists will become our working document going forward. Do put down your name on the list for the ministry you were involved in pre-Covid.

SYNODAL PATHWAY

We would like to update you since it has been a few months since our Listening Weekend in November. All the responses, from those who came along plus the various parish groups, were collected and sent to Westminster at the end of January. We also had a meeting with Father John and Father Joseph to discuss the responses and how, where possible, they can be implemented here at St Lawrence. This Saturday Cathy, Janet and Father Joseph attended a Pre-Synodal Assembly at Westminster Cathedral along with the other parish representatives in the diocese. Here we shared our parish's experience of the Synodal Pathway so far and reflected on the ongoing journey. We would like to thank you for your support and ask that you continue to make sure that your voice is heard

NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are so blessed in this parish to have so great a number of parishioners coming to Mass. This new arrangement we shall be introducing is to ensure that people are not walking into one another as they go back to their seats after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion and to do so reverently. From the First Sunday in Lent, when this new arrangement will begin, those sitting on the Baptismal Font side of the church and by the side aisle on Our Lady side of the church will be ushered first to come through the back and down the central aisle and go back through the side aisles. Next will be those sitting on both sides of the main nave of the church coming through the central aisle and going back to their seats through the side aisles. PLEASE wait for the stewards to call you up. For those in the porch and choir loft the arrangement remains the same but please remain in your places and a Minister will come to you.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are planning on getting married either in this country or abroad a minimum of **SIX MONTHS' NOTICE** is required to process the paperwork. Please do not wait until a month or so before your marriage date, especially those getting married abroad, as the necessary permissions will not reach your destination in time. Please call Fr John to make an appointment.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL – SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

Mr Duggan and Mrs Thompson are attempting to complete the Camino Ingles in May over 5 days, in order to raise funds for classrooms at St Lawrence's. To donate please go to the Justgiving website @ <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leo-duggan>

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley is holding a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 13th March** after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. She would be grateful for help on the day, donations of cakes and also donations of unwanted Christmas gifts. Helen can be contacted on 07950 681325 for more information. The proceeds of the Coffee Morning will go to the Zimbabwean Orphans.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT MONDAY 21ST FEB TO SUNDAY 6TH MARCH



During Fairtrade Fortnight, individuals, groups and companies come together to celebrate the people in developing countries who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton for our clothes, but who are often underpaid and exploited. Our parish of St. Lawrence's has Fairtrade status which means that we promote the use of Fairtrade products when possible. Our local shops sell a variety of Fairtrade products which compare favourably with branded goods, just look for the Fairtrade logo Visit www.fairtrade.org.uk for more information.

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

PALM CROSSES

If you have your old palm crosses please bring them in by **27 February** so we can prepare ash to be used on Ash Wednesday

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022**. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish secretary the following details in writing: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

JOINT SERVICE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The theme this year is "I know the plans I have for you". The prayers this year are prepared by the people of England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI). Scotland have their own WDP. **Date: Friday 4th March 2022 at 2.30pm, St Dunstan's Church, Feltham TW13 4JY.** All welcome to join.

RIVERSIDE VINEYARD CHURCH

...are holding free English Lessons on Wednesdays from 9.45am to 12noon. Here you will meet new friends, have a chance to speak English in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and improve your language skills. Come and join us! More details at riversidevineyard.com/meeting-place.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORM SIGNING

Please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732 for an appointment for signing of the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Reception or Nursery.

COVID GUIDANCE

Although most measures are now being lifted:

- We thank you for wearing a mask in Church and keeping yourself and others safe.
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or colds should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when entering and leaving Church.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of John Murray, Maria Simon and David John Coyte, who passed away recently.

Maria Simon RIP – Her funeral will take place on **Friday 4th March at 12.30pm** at Hanworth Crematorium

John Murray RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Monday 7th March at 11.30am**.

We also keep in our prayers their families and all who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19	11am 5.00pm	Maria Nangombe RIP (Anniversary), Sebastiao and Jose Fernandes Anjo RIP Margaret O'Neill RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 20	8am 9.30am 11am	Perpetual Albuquerque RIP In Thanksgiving Francisco Pereira and Family Erlin Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Mon 21	10am	Jewela D'Souza in Thanksgiving
Tues 22	10am	Gracy D'Costa RIP
Wed 23	10am	Kathleen Scallan RIP
Thurs 24	10am	Janet Danladi in Thanksgiving
Fri 25	10am	Mary Lindley RIP
Sat 26	11am 5.00pm	John Pereira RIP (1 st Anniversary) Daire O'Gallachair RIP
Sun 27	8am 9.30am 11am	Talentina D'Souza RIP (Month's Mind) Tony O'Malley RIP Fabiana Carvalho (Intention)
Sanctuary Lamp: Voltaire Veraga RIP		

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