

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Second Sunday of Lent



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24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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## MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

*Ethnic Chaplaincies:* Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2.30pm.

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## Gospel Reflection

It is hard to see clearly these days. While we have never been able to see as much as we would like, today we are more aware of our inability to perceive things as they really are. It is hard to see, for example, which reports, which posts, or which headlines paint the most realistic picture of the true reality. Photoshop is only part of the problem. Add to it the rapid spread of misinformation, the constant potential for hearing false reports, and the inescapable biases which colour every commentary, you get a final concoction of confusion. There are also our desires, which at times, just steers us to avoid looking at the truth. Try looking to the future and you will be even less certain of what you see.

Our gospel for today talks about the appearance of Christ in radiant glory to three of his disciples. While they were there praying, something extraordinary and wonderful happened. Jesus was transfigured, he was changed; his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

These disciples were very lucky to have witnessed this miracle from Jesus. The transfiguration of Jesus gives us a brief and transient glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. It is a taste of what is to come. It is offered to us to encourage and challenge us in our daily lives to do well. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what we see, hear, and experience every day for as long as we are alive.

It is not just a matter of getting through the day. Being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose, and hope. The transfiguration not only offers us a sight of Jesus in all his glory, but it also offers each of us a preview of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the kingdom.

We may never have knowledge in anything as powerful as the transfiguration. Every day in innumerable and seemingly small ways, God does break into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation, and forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration, both for ourselves, and for those we help. Each time somebody displays care and concern for us is a moment when God reaches out to us.

This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus talking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives.

*"Lord, in everything I do, let not others praise me but You."*

Have a Blessed week.

**Deacon Rolly**

## PREPARING FOR THE SYNOD

**Question 1:** How do we witness as a Parish and proclaim our faith to those who have never heard of Christ; those who have ceased walking with Christ; those with whom we worship Christ (those who come to Church)?

**Question 2:** How should we organise ourselves as a Parish to do this more effectively?

**Question 3:** What concrete steps/formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively?

**Question 4:** What structures may need to change? How might we need to develop the way we are organised currently?

**There will be an open meeting in the Parish Centre this Sunday 25th February after the 11.00am Mass for a discussion, reflection and renewal in the Mission entrusted to us by our Blessed Lord. Everyone is welcome Please hand in your replies to the questions above by this Sunday 25th February. We would like to know your views and suggestions. You may be a long time Parishioner or new to the parish. You may have children or teenagers. You may live alone.**

### LENT AT ST LAWRENCE'S

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Monday to Friday from 8.30am-9.25am. Also on Saturday morning from 9.30am-10.45am.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 10.00am, Saturday at 11.30am and Wednesdays at 7.30pm (Polish).

#### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART AND ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** after 9.30am Mass and Stations of the Cross. In the event of a Funeral, there will be alterations to the times of devotion and adoration.

#### SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUP

Every Monday during Lent, there will be a small faith-sharing group in the Presbytery after the 9.30am Mass. It will last 45minutes to an hour. We will be following a Diocesan Lenten resource "**We Dare to Say**". This will be led by a member of the Pastoral Team.

#### PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group meet on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** for Worship and Prayer in the Parish Centre from 6.15-7.45pm.

#### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD Family Fast Day is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support families around the world. This Lent, please we encourage you to help hardworking people like James the fisherman from Liberia who now has the equipment he needs to fish safely and sustainably – to find good fishing spots and return home safely. Use the CAFOD envelope to Gift Aid your donation, which boosts your donation by 25 per cent. The QR code on the envelope is also an easy way to jump to the CAFOD website to donate online. The collection will be taken up **this weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February**. Collection boxes for use at home are available in the porch.

#### CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

Father John will be leading a Walk every **Wednesday from 21<sup>st</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> March** visiting a local cemetery, recite the rosary and walk back. This will start with a prayer by the Grotto at 10.30am and finish at the end of the walk at the Grotto with a prayer followed by soup and rolls in the Presbytery.

As part of the risk assessment all walkers will need to provide emergency contact number, details of dietary/medical condition that may affect the walk. Please bring a bottle of water with you.

#### PASSION PLAY

There will be a play here in Church on The Passion organised by the Youth of St Michael & St Martin's Church on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.

#### LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. **Thank you for your generosity on Ash Wednesday £1,349.21.** The next Collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday.

#### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Group 1 will meet on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February** at 6.30pm.

### EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Easter hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies – something for everyone in the family!

The Draw will take place on **24<sup>th</sup> March** after the 11am Mass.

Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5.00.

Proceeds towards the Church Maintenance Fund

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24	11.00am 3.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	Janet Danladi – Birthday Thanksgiving Mass in Tagalog Wilma Gomes in Thanksgiving Mass in Ukrainian
✘ Sun 25	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Edward Olomukoro RIP Duncan Kilcoyne RIP Frank Macken (Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Mon 26	9.30am	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady, Mary our Mother
Tues 27	9.30am	Dominic & Monica D'Souza RIP
Wed 28	9.30am	Melissa Rumila Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving
Thurs 29	9.30am	Deceased members of the Fernandes Family RIP
Fri 1 Mar	9.30am	Augustine & Christine Fernandes RIP
Sat 2	11.00am 5.00pm	Sebastiao Joao & Jose Fernandes Anjo and Maria Nangombe RIP Thomas John Lopes RIP (Birthday Remembrance)
✘ Sun 3	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Joan Nduba (Special Intention) Constancio Fernandes RIP (Birthday Remembrance) Brian Beagan RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass For Seniors in the Parish Centre
Sanctuary Lamp: Wilson Family Intentions		

### REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Sylvia D'Mello RIP**.

**Sylvia D'Mello RIP** – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11am** followed by interment at Ashford Cemetery.

Please also keep in your prayers her family and all who mourn her.

### FRIENDS CIRCLE (FORMER UCM)

The newly formed Friends Circle will meet on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** in the Presbytery at 12.30pm.

### SPECIAL MASS FOR SENIORS AND TEA PARTY

The next Mass will be on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm** followed by a Tea Party in the Parish Centre. If you require a lift, please let us know.

### NURSERY CLASS APPLICATIONS

Please see our website or St Lawrence School website for details.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**17-18 February:** Loose: £1,325.56 Envelopes: £235.00

**Total: £1,560.56**

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