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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th/27th February 2022



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 144): Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; Psalm 91; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45
Ash Wednesday (Page 149): Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 5:20, 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Next Week: First Sunday of Lent (Page 153): Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



Dear Friends,

I must admit that in today's Gospel I find the imagery quite surreal, Jesus warns against empty talk and the hypocrisy of moralising to others when our own sins may be even greater:

"Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?"

I do sometimes doubt that any of us can be 100% relied upon (certainly not me) and our credibility is tested each and every day by our own actions. In many ways that is a pity because as Catholic Christians we do have a message that people need to hear, the wonderful good news that sin and death do not have the last word. There have always been terrible sins that diminish humanity, (at the time of writing there is a very real threat of war and violence in Ukraine). But through his death and resurrection Christ has overcome sin, and death has been swallowed up in victory.

Such a message is wonderful news. The only problem I can see is the credibility of the messengers. I realise this is difficult but we should resist the temptation to blame others for resisting the Gospel message and allow it to do its work within us.

As we prepare to embark upon our Lenten journey could we consider that in addition to abstaining from takeaways or alcohol or whatever, that we could additionally undertake to live the reality of God's love that we celebrate in the Eucharist, where we will find a real conversion of heart that alone can make us credible witnesses of God's love and of Christ's power to bring about changes so radical, that their fruits will be evident in our lives. Surely others will then see that our words and actions flow out of what fills our hearts.

Have a blessed week and a blessed Lent,

Deacon Colin

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, if you have not already done so, for the ministry you were involved in pre-Covid.

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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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LENT 2022 AT ST LAWRENCE'S



This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal for Lent. Please take a copy home as you leave church.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 2nd March Day of Fasting and Abstinence



Mass with Imposition of ashes at 10am, 6pm and 7.30pm (Polish).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Monday to Friday at 9.00am, **starting Thursday 3rd March**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays at 10.30am, Saturday at 11.30pm and Wednesdays at 7.30pm (Polish).

DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS

My Day by Day booklets for personal daily reflection (using the daily Mass readings). Price £1.00 each. If you have not seen or used this booklet before, consider taking one for your Lenten reflection.

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 (EWNl). Scotland have their own WDP. **Date: Friday 4th March 2022 at 2.30pm, St Dunstan's Church, Feltham TW13 4JY.** All welcome to join.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY



CAFOD Family Fast Day is **Friday 11th March**, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support families around the world. One small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition.

You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

Also available in the porch are some CAFOD collection boxes which you can take home and fill with your loose change during Lent. Please return any filled boxes to the presbytery.

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 1st April at 7.30pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.



POLISH COMMUNITY

Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 9th April** starting at 7pm then concluding with Mass at 8pm.

LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal



This year our Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal's Appeal and collections will be taken up on **Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday**. There will also be a Lenten Alms 'wall' box situated by the steps to Our Lady's shrine/candles. The money raised from the appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster - working to restore hope, enable people to live a life of dignity and word.

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.

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley is holding a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 13th March** after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Helen can be contacted on 07950 681325 for more information and offers of help. The proceeds of the Coffee Morning will go to the Zimbabwean Orphans.

MEETING FOR STEWARDS/USHERS/HELPER42

There will be a meeting for all existing and new Stewards/Ushers/Helpers **after the 6pm evening Mass on Ash Wednesday 2 March. It is important that you all attend.**

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.

FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART DEVOTION

On **Friday 4th March** after Stations of the Cross there will be Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from about 11am until 3.30pm.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT MONDAY 21ST FEB TO SUNDAY 6TH MARCH



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.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Sally-Anne Gutcher, Joan Shaza, John Murray and Maria Simon** 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**.

Sally-Anne Gutcher RIP – Her Requiem will take place here on **Thursday 10th March at 12noon**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26	11am 5.00pm	John Pereira RIP (1 st Anniversary) Daire O'Gallachoir RIP
Sun 27	8am 9.30am 11am	Tolentina D'Souza RIP (Month's Mind) Tony O'Malley RIP Fabiano & Luiza Carvalho (Intention)
Mon 28	10am	Sr M Josephine Brown RIP
Tues 1/3	10am	Maria Margaret in Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 2	10am 6.00pm	Varghese Manaladil Chereyan RIP (10 th Anniversary) Constancio Fernandes RIP
Thurs 3	10am	Barbara Walsh in Thanksgiving – 90 th Birthday
Fri 4	10am	Margaret & Rod Moore-Saxton in Thanksgiving – 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Sat 5	11am 5.00pm	Andrew Jesús in Thanksgiving Barbara Walsh (Intention)
Sun 6	8am 9.30am 11am	Rose McKenna RIP Aquino Pereira – Good health Ophelia Bertha Dias RIP (Month's Mind)
Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi in Thanksgiving		

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