

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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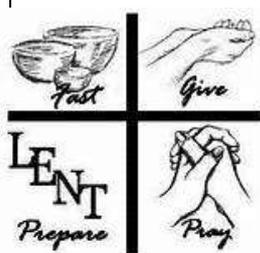
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Second Sunday of Lent

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10  
**Next Week: Third Sunday of Lent:** Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25



## "Already but not Yet"

Dear Friends

We are now at the end of February and shortly March, with its promise of spring, longer and (hopefully) warmer days will be here. Today's Gospel – the account of the Transfiguration – also gives us a glimpse of what we are looking forward to, both at Easter and at the end of time. The picture of the Transfigured Jesus is a foretaste of heaven for both Peter, James and John and for us too. T S Eliot put it this way which I think is helpful:

"What we call the beginning is often the end, and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

We are already well into our Lenten journey and we now know too, something of what the following weeks are going to look like, all being well, as we cautiously begin the process of coming out of lockdown and starting out again. Our roadmap is evolving, but one thing is for certain – we are changed, just as the world has been changed. We have seen and learned much, many have suffered – and continue to suffer the effects of loneliness, isolation, illness and uncertainty. There is still a way to go and I think that one of the key things messages of this Lent is as simple as it is often hard to put into practice – "be kind".

That kindness can and should take a practical turn in our concern for others, both in the parish and our wider family and friends. That long overdue 'phone call, a Zoom chat, even an old-fashioned postcard can bring so much happiness, far more, perhaps, than we realise. Also, I suggest that we need to be kind to ourselves as well. We should recognize that it is important to make time for ourselves, with times of relaxation, exercise and importantly prayer. The relationship we have with God (which is prayer!) is the most important one we have. Perhaps during this Lenten season, we might try new forms of prayer, such as Centering Prayer or Lectio Divina. Each of us prays differently: the important thing is to keep doing it and allowing ourselves the time, space and patience to do so. To pray for others is also a very real act of kindness. Not only that, but we and our community grow as a result – because kindness breeds kindness and the world needs that especially now!

I wish you all a blessed and peaceful week ahead. Let's pray for each other.

Fr John Louis

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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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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**REMINDER: Please remember to leave the Church promptly at the end of Mass. You should not mix outside church and you are encouraged to go straight home after Mass**

## MASS 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 5.30pm.
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in Church at 11.00am with limited numbers

# LENT 2021 AT ST LAWRENCE'S

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Copies of the Lenten Meditations on the Stations of the Cross are available at the back of Church. Also available on our website. Please take a copy.

As it is not possible to have public worship of the Stations, we encourage you, as an individual or with your family, to pray the Stations of the Cross one day of the week during Lent. Here are some links to websites that offer the Stations of the Cross:

[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) (Westminster Cathedral on Fridays at 18.05); [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (in the search engine type in "praying the Stations of the Cross" and there is a vast selection including Children's Stations and in ethnic languages.

## 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 Holy Thursday. There will also be a Lenten Alms 'wall' box situated near the entrance to the Sacristy. The money raised from the appeal will go towards the funding of Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation and Social Outreach within Civil Society.

## LENTEN BIBLE SERIES

Mauro Iannicelli of Come & See Catholic Evangelisation Ministries invites you to his Lenten Bible Series.

**(1) Video Recording | Gospel Teaching on the First Sunday of Lent** <https://youtu.be/ggQVqELedpk>

**(2) Discussion Questions on the Teaching** <https://comeandsee.org/documents/First-Sunday-of-Lent-Study-Questions.pdf>

**(3) Registration Link to the Lenten Bible Series** <https://comeandsee.org/len>.

Mauro will be starting his popular Bible Timeline course on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Watch this space for further details.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The CAFOD Fast Day is on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March** and the collection will be taken up on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March. CAFOD envelopes are available as you leave Church.

## DAILY WALK? SOMETHING POSITIVE THIS LENT.

Could you walk 10,000 Steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day. Find out more or sign up online at [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk) and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.

## ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The world day of prayer takes place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March** and the service material this year prepared by women in Vanatu. Reverend Anne Dollery will lead the service via Zoom. Opens at 2:45pm for a 3pm start. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89795703443?pwd=UzFYR2xJS3R4ZUJURUXd4VzFVMXV5QT09>. Meeting ID: 897 9570 3443 Passcode: 752078

### ***Bidding Prayers for the week:***

**We present our needs to our Father in the name of his beloved Son to whom we listen.**

-**For the Church:** that we may be transfigured more and more into the image and likeness of Christ.

- **For all of us gathered here today and for members of our community;** that we may be given the grace to hear the voice of God in prayer, in sacrament and in each other.

- **For our children preparing to make their First Confessions** in the coming weeks. May they remain faithful to his teachings.

-**For all who share in the sufferings of Christ;** for those who are persecuted for their faith; may they know the loving embrace of our Father.

- **We pray for all those who feel their voices are unheard,** and their need for love and care unmet. May they always know the joy of a loving and listening community that is ready to act alongside them for change

- **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.

**Father almighty, hear the prayers we offer to you. We ask you to grant them through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

Anyone wishing to book in a baptism please contact Fr. John on his mobile 0787 905 8732

### 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](mailto:theresafernandes@aol.com) for a registration form. This year classes will be by zoom. .

### 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!! For more information please contact me by email [johnlabor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:johnlabor@rcdow.org.uk). Fr John Louis

### REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Eileen McWilliams, Frank Worley, Peter Fashoda Ageng and Oliver Lavery** and all those who have passed away recently.

- **Frank Worley RIP** – His funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**.

- **Eileen McWilliams RIP** – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.00am**

*When there is a funeral in Church, the family and friends of the deceased take precedence over parishioners so numbers will be further restricted.*

Please also keep in your prayers their families at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### COVID RESTRICTIONS

**We are in a national lockdown so please STAY AT HOME. Hounslow has one of the highest rates of the virus.**

- **Wear a face covering in Church and when you come into contact with people you do not normally meet**

- **Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with and you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble**

- **Funerals:** Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people.

- **NHS COVID-19 Test and Trace App:** Please try and use this if you can.

- **NHS staff urge non-English speaking Londoners to get the COVID-19 vaccine in these helpful videos:** <https://www.england.nhs.uk/london-our-work/covid-19-vaccine-communication-materials/>

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27	11am 5pm	Malachy Longhran RIP Marie Hage RIP and Family
Sun 28	9am 9am 11am 11am	Pamela Holland RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] John Curley RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Mon 1	11am	Fulvio D'Amico RIP
Tues 2	11am	<b>REQUIEM MASS – EILEEN MCWILLIAMS RIP</b>
Wed 3	11am	Rod & Margaret Moore-Saxton in Thanksgiving – 59 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Thurs 4	11am	June Dodsworth & Family (Intentions)
Fri 5	11am	Lily Jones and Mary Francis (Intentions)
Sat 6	11am 5pm	Patrick McTiernan RIP Constancio Fernandes RIP
Sun 7	9am 9am 11am 11am	Joan Hall RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] Fr John Kearns (ill) and his mum [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: For World Peace		

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**