

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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The Epiphany of the Lord



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Monday 8th January: The Baptism of the Lord: Page 119: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Mark: 1:7-11

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John 1:35-42

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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

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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 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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**Adoration means realizing that you and God belong together,
to one another.**

EPIPHANY means 'manifest' or 'reveal'. On the feast of Epiphany we recall three mysteries – the Magi coming bearing gifts to adore the Christ child, Our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan (this year not on a Sunday but on Monday 8th January) and the manifestation of his glory as the heavenly bridegroom at the Wedding in Cana. God is always manifesting, unveiling, revealing himself to those who have faith and are open to him. The Sacred Scriptures are a record of the manifestation of God, first to his Chosen People then to the Gentiles – the whole world. God is available to all. This unveiling or revelation is of a new dispensation in this world which runs counter to the culture humans have set up for themselves. God reveals himself to be unlike any of our gods. He is not in competition with anyone. He is God.

The only way to freedom of heart, freedom from sinful human dynamics, is to orientate our lives towards God. This is God's project in our lives.

In his Epiphany homily in 2020 Pope Francis said:

"Faith demands adoration. If we can fall on our knees before Jesus, we will overcome the temptation to set off on our own path. For adoration involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Adoration means putting the Lord at the centre, not ourselves. It means giving things their rightful place, and giving the first place to God. Adoration means making God's plan more important than our personal time, our entitlements and our spaces. It is to accept the teaching of Scripture: "You shall worship the Lord your God" (Mt 4:10). Your God: adoration means realizing that you and God belong together, to one another. It means being able to speak to him freely and intimately. It means bringing our lives to him and letting him enter into them. It means letting his consolation come down to earth. Adoration means discovering that, in order to pray, it is enough to say: "My Lord and my God!", and to let ourselves be pervaded by his tender love."

Thank you for revealing to me more of God's love and goodness. Thank you to you all and to Fr John for these past 16 months with you at St Lawrence. I count myself the most blessed of Westminster priests! What a remarkable and vibrant parish. A previous much-loved former parish priest of yours told me the day I started – 1 September 2022: "They are a difficult parish to leave". I think you know who that was. He is right. But I go with deep gratitude and joy in my heart. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

FR. DAVID

THANK YOU

Thank you from Fr John, Fr David and the Pastoral Team for your cards, gifts and abounding generosity to us all this Christmas. May God Bless you all.

Thank you once again to all who helped clean and decorate the church, to our readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, the choirs and musicians, sacristans, cleaners, flower arrangers, catechists, the repository helpers, our children who took part in the liturgies, those who wash the linen and altar servers albs, to Sharyn, Stuart and John and all those who work quietly in the background to make the church a welcoming place. Apologies if we have forgotten anyone.

Last, but not least, thank you to everyone especially the Confirmation candidates for your very generous donations of food and essential supplies for the Food Bank. This was distributed between St Lawrence's Food Hub and Riverside Vineyard Storehouse.

FAREWELL TO FR DAVID

This weekend we sadly say farewell to Fr David. He will celebrate the **11am on Sunday** and this will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Bring a plate to share (sweet or savoury – finger food only). A presentation will be made to him then.

WELCOME TO FR PETER EGBOO

Fr Peter arrives on Monday 8th January. We look forward to working with him. Please extend him a warm welcome.

HELP WITH TAKING DOWN THE DECORATIONS

Monday 8th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and marks the end of the Christmas Season. We are appealing to anyone who has a couple of hours to spare that could help with taking down the decorations, putting them away and making the church tidy. This will take place after the 9.30am Mass. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

Group 1 meet on **Thursday 11th January** at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Resumes on **Saturday 13th January** at 3.15pm

WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 14th January** at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

It is very important to contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732 as soon as possible if you are planning on getting married in the UK or abroad. For Baptisms please contact Fr John

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN THE PARISH

If you are unable to come to Church due to illness, or if anyone knows somebody who is ill or housebound, please contact one of the priests or deacons and we can arrange a visit.

CONTACTLESS MACHINES – GIFT AID

If you use the contactless machine in church for your offertory contribution, please consider registering for gift aid by entering your email address into the machine and a few details. You only need to do so once unless you use different debit/credit cards then you would need to register for gift aid for each card used. Registering for gift aid ensures that the government pays the parish 25p for every £1 you donate through the machine at no additional cost to you.

PARISH CENTRE USERS

The toys in the Parish Centre belong to Bright Sparks. They are NOT for use by anyone using the Centre. This also applies to items in the kitchen belonging to the different groups. Please respect each others belongings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6	11.00am 5.00pm	Patrick Ellis RIP (1 st Anniversary) Neville Gill RIP (Anniversary)
✱ Sun 7	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Chris Urbanek – Get well Souls of the Vaz Family RIP Francisco & Artimisia Silva in Thanksgiving – 25 th Wedding Anniversary (Also Fr David's farewell Mass) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Mon 8	9.30am	Gorman & Reidy Families (Intention)
Tues 9	9.30am	Joseph Duigan RIP
Wed 10	9.30am	Sr Geraldine & Team (Intentions)
Thurs 11	9.30am	Aaron Jay Singh – Private Intention
Fri 12	9.30am	Diego D'Souza RIP
Sat 13	11.00am 5.00pm	Ann Bagnall (Intention) Francisco & Anastacia De Araujo RIP (Anniversary)
✱ Sun 14	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	John Edward Hanlon RIP (First Anniversary) Thomas McGill RIP Philip & Anne Sheridan RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Sanctuary Lamp: Francesca & Jacinto Do Rosario RIP (Anniv.)		

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Jeffrey Bullmore RIP, Maureen Bridget Hoban RIP, John Csaranko RIP, Walburger Shearer RIP, Jennifer Devereux RIP, Fabrice Michel RIP, Deacon Anthony Clark RIP.**

Maureen Bridget Hoban RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 17th January at 1.15pm** followed by interment at Bedfont Cemetery.

Jeffrey Bullmore RIP – His Funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Thursday 11 January at 2pm.**

Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WINNING TICKET

Ticket with yellow border - 116 – Serial No: AH585816

The lucky winner was **Francoise Wood.**

PRAYER MEETING

St. Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group inviting all Parishioners for their monthly Charismatic Prayer Meeting on **Saturday 20th January 2024**, from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome with their Families and Friends! Come and experience God's Love & Mercy! Kindly contact Vincent: +447424599201/ George: +447597389002 for more details.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The next meeting will be on **Monday 8th January** at 12.30pm

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The Westminster Year Book is now available for sale in the Repository. The ring bound copy is £6.00 and the bound copy £5.00

CAR PARKING

The Church car park is for use for those who have a disabled badge or employees or contractors. For anyone else it's a drop off point. Parking is available elsewhere – Tesco's, Feltham Leisure West or on Sundays in the School car park or side roads. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON CHURCH PREMISES ANY DAY OF THE WEEK UNLESS YOU HAVE A DISABLED BADGE OR ARE PART OF THE PASTORAL TEAM.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

23/24 December: Loose: £998.08 Envelopes: £146.60

Total: £1,144.68

CHRISTMAS: Total: 9,186.89 NEW YEAR: £1,511.05

Standing orders December: £4,139.60

Online donations December incl. Contactless: £820.00

Crib Donation: £566.32 Holy Land Appeal: £938.44

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HSBC Bank: WRC DT Feltham Sort code: **40-05-20** – Acc. No: **71095528**

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper also if it's a Donation, Baptism, etc.

