

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> January 2022



**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 127):** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11  
**Next Week: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 129):** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30;  
Luke 1:1-4, 14-21



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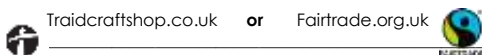
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### MASS TIMES

**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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Dear Friends,

As this is my first reflection of the new year could I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, prosperous and healthy 2022. I would also like to thank you for the many Christmas cards and gifts that were given to me over Christmas. Your generosity quite frankly is overwhelming.

As well as celebrating the new year on January 1st we also celebrated the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and it is perhaps with this in mind we should read today's gospel, (The Wedding at Cana) which is perhaps one of the best known of all the gospels, where Jesus changes the water into wine.

Mary has a really important role in today's gospel in the way that she (to use modern parlance) bugs Jesus to get his act together and do something, to which Jesus says "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not yet come". This tells us that she didn't know everything, and in a similar way we don't know what God's plans are for us, but if we ask Jesus to intercede for us just as Mary did, sometimes this causes The Lord to work miracles on our behalf.

When Mary instructed the servants to do what Jesus asked, he responded by telling them to fill the stone jars with water. I can only guess at how much they must have weighed, they certainly would have been very heavy and they wouldn't have had the benefit of a modern fork lift truck to assist them, or to put it another way it would have been really hard work.

Being a Christian and particularly a Catholic Christian is hard work. I'm sure that all of you reading this will have struggled at some point, (I know I have). But it is only when you put in the hard work, perhaps spiritual hard work, improving your prayer life or working within the church, that the work will prove fruitful. Sometimes this can be difficult, it might mean working with people we would rather not be working with, however if we do this work with faith inspired by the Holy Spirit, then Jesus will surely turn our water into wine.

Have a blessed week,

**Deacon Colin**

## 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.

### Gospel Motivation for John 2:1-11

"If you have ever been to a wedding, you will know the excitement and anticipation of sitting together with the other guests before the ceremony starts, waiting for the bride to arrive. We are in a similar situation now as we prepare for this moment of Lectio. Our eternal bridegroom is about to reveal himself to us in his Word. Let us sit with that excited anticipation for a moment.

In the Gospel we are about to read, we will see Jesus' first sign that he is not just human, but also God. And he is a God that not only provides for us, but chooses to give us the very best of the best. He chooses to give his very self to us. We must prepare ourselves now to meet this bridegroom. With careful attention let us focus our gaze upon him. Let us open our hearts to welcome his Word. Do not let this special moment pass you by. Behold, here he comes."

**Peace Sunday** follows the International World Day of Peace and is celebrated in the England and Wales on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme taken from Pope Francis' message for the 55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace: *Dialogue between generation, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building lasting peace.*

The National President for Pax Christi (the international Catholic movement for peace), Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool says:

*'This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new way of working and relating to each other. The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and non-violence, can offer hope and direction in these times.'*

#### Prayer

O God of peace, who are peace itself  
And whom a spirit of discord  
Cannot grasp,  
Nor a violent mind receive,  
Grant that those who are one in heart  
May persevere in what is good  
And that those in conflict  
May forget evil and so be healed. Amen

### ONLINE RESOURCES

In addition to the paper copy of Day by Day which gives the daily Mass Readings and reflection, one can also download Daily Mass readings via the app Hallow or go to <http://universalis.com>

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who helped clear up the Christmas decorations, put them in storage and clean up. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Patricia (Pat) Jayawardena RIP** and **Lawrence Murray RIP**, who died recently. Please also keep their families and loved ones in your prayers at this time.

**Pat Jayawardena's** funeral will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January at Mortlake Crematorium at 12noon and the link is <https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notice/15-12-2021-patricia-jayawardena/>

## ST PAULS COLLEGE - VACANCY

Teacher of RE with Key Stage Responsibility. London Fringe plus TLR 2.1 £2,823. September 2022 start (an earlier start can be accommodated)

Application packs are available at [www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk). Completed applications should be sent to: [jobs@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jobs@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk). Please note that CV's will not be accepted as applications. If you require further information regarding the role please contact Mrs De Rosa, Headteacher's PA at [mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk). **Closing date for applications: Thursday 10 February 2022 at 9am.**

### 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 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.

### NEW COVID GUIDANCE

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our church:

- **It is now mandatory for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship unless you are exempt.**
- When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or Omicron should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when attending Church.
- Please adhere to government and local guidelines and maintain social distancing. Do not linger outside or mix with people outside of your group after Mass. Go straight home
- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15	11am 5.00pm	Mary Jane & Michael O'Carroll RIP Deceased members of the McCormack Family RIP
Sun 16	8am 9.30am 11am	Anastasia De Araujo RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann) Dave Crawley RIP (Birthday Remembrance) Margaret Krowicki RIP
Mon 17	10am	Agostinho Dos Reis and Olga Ferreira RIP
Tues 18	10am	Eileen Nangle RIP
Wed 19	10am	John Igboanugo Junior RIP
Thurs 20	10am	Greta Fernandes RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann)
Fri 21	10am	Loven Carvalho in Thanksgiving – 6 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Sat 22	11am 5.00pm	In Thanksgiving – the Keenan Family Zane & Anaya Cabral (Good Health)
Sun 23	8am 9.30am 11am	Lily Coutinho RIP Emily Theobalds and Joe & Eileen McNabb RIP Patrick Hanlon and Bernadette Cimpoais nee Hanlon RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP		

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