

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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**Second Sunday of the Year**

**16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20;

John 1:35-42

**Next Week: Third Sunday of the Year:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 24; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



Dear Friends

As this is my first newsletter front page piece for 2021, I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year! It has been a very unusual and, in many ways, challenging start to 2021. Once again we have to dig deep into our spiritual resources and place our trust in God that He has everything in His hands and that ultimately all will be well...

There are signs of hope: as each week passes, the numbers being vaccinated increases and while we are certainly in the "eye of the storm" at the moment, the sacrifices we are making now, will, all being well, begin to bear fruit in the weeks and months to come. We are united by our common experiences in these times and for us, as a parish, we are united by prayer and the fact that we are and remain a parish family, even though some of us are, of necessity, having to limit our social interaction at the moment.

One thing in particular continues to stand out in these times and that is our increased awareness of and kindness towards, each other. The telephone call, the email, even the smile as we see someone during our daily exercise, all contribute to a greater sense of caring and sharing and this is very important now.

Let's keep looking out for each other in ways that are both affective, effective and safe and above all let's hold our community, family, friends and those who we know need them, in our prayers. Here is a prayer from CAFOD which is helpful:

At this time

*Dear Lord,*

*At this time of pandemic,*

*Let us foster respect and solidarity with others,  
especially those who are weak or poor.*

*Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumours.*

*Let us take advantage of living together as a family.*

*Let us attend to moments of prayer.*

*Let us cultivate responsibility, patience and hope. Amen.*

God bless.

**FR. JOHN LOUIS**

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your greetings and gifts this Christmas, and to everyone who has given so much to our parish community in this difficult year especially our catechists, stewards and cleaners, the pastoral team, Jim and Kevin and all those who do so much behind the scenes. God Bless you all.*

**Fr John**

*Fr John Louis, Deacon Colin, Sr Mary, Sr Nora, Roly and Florie wish to thank you all for your Christmas greetings and most generous gifts.*

## Parish Team

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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

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732

### Westminster Year Books 2021

Available for sale: £4.50 plain bound,

 [Traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://Traidcraftshop.co.uk) or [Fairtrade.org.uk](http://Fairtrade.org.uk) 

Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

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

**We turn in prayer to God, asking the Lord to be with us at every moment of our lives:**

We pray for the Church, especially during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: that the Holy Spirit may lead all Christians to be one in faith, hope and charity.

We pray for all those who are training for the priesthood or religious life: may the person of Christ himself inspire and guide them.

We pray for all our young people as they try and discern a way forward in their lives: may they experience the presence of Christ and his Holy Spirit as a loving inspiration and support in their deliberations.

We pray for all who feel lost or abandoned, those who are homeless and those seeking employment: may they find support in those who gather round them and listen to their plight.

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.

**God our Father, we bring all our prayers and needs to you, for you are the source of love and strength in our lives, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **SACRAMENTS**

#### **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. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

#### **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!! It's an opportunity to ask all those questions you thought up, but never quite got round to asking!! There is no commitment at the early stage – you may have a taster and decide you want to continue, or perhaps come back later on. This year, as with other Sacramental Classes, the course will be delivered via Zoom, at a time to be agreed with the participants. For more information please contact me by email [johnthabor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:johnthabor@rcdow.org.uk). Fr John Louis

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

### **ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 'THE HUB'**

As a school we have successfully launched 'The Hub' this week. This is a resource for our community to access support during these difficult times. We currently are able to offer food parcels including toiletries and cleaning products. If you require any of the above or know someone who does please contact us on [Thehub@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:Thehub@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk). Your request will be handled confidentially and we will organise collection at a time which suits. You can also contact Fr John on his mobile 0787 905 8732.

#### **NEED HELP OR EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY?**

Once again as we enter lockdown Caritas Westminster are able to offer some help with food vouchers. If you or anyone you know is experiencing financial difficulty at this time please contact Bridget Brinkley on 07805 299 941 or e-mail [mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk). I will help you complete a short application form so you can get the necessary help you need. Please text, WhatsApp or leave a voice mail and I will return any call I miss ASAP. Please continue to pray for each other at this difficult time for so many and please keep in contact with others, no one should be alone during this time. *Bridget*

**We have received a few Church Art calendars which are on sale in the repository at £1.00 each. Please see Roly.**

### **REST IN PEACE**

We pray for the repose of the souls of **John Curley RIP, Pamela Holland RIP, Francis Hoffland RIP and Neville Gill RIP** and all those who have passed away recently.

**Pamela Holland RIP** – Her funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**Francis Hoffland RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February** at 11.00am.

**Neville Gill RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February** at 11.00am.

At both Requiems taking place in church please note that under the Covid-19 regulations only 30 people are allowed.

**John Curley's** funeral arrangements will be published next week.

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.

### **UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON/LOCAL AUTHORITY:**

**We are now in a national lockdown so please STAY AT HOME.**

**Places of worship:** Open for communal worship or private prayer but people cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.

Please stay at home unless you have to go out. No household mixing aside from support bubbles.

**Please remember: Hands, Face, Space:**

**- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds**

**- 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, Wakes up to 6 people. Anyone working i.e. the priest, cantor, organist, pallbearers, stewards, etc. is not included in the 30.

**Baptisms:** Maximum of 6 including the child to be baptised. Currently suspended until further notice.

**Weddings:** From 20<sup>th</sup> December weddings are not allowed except in exceptional circumstances.

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

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 16	11am 5pm	Martin Merigan RIP Ermelina Fernandes RIP
Sun 17	9am 9am 11am 11am	For the intention of Teresa Macken [C] People of the Parish [PC] Jim Quinn RIP (17 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) [C] Ronald Henry RIP (Birthday Remembrance) [PC]
Mon 18	11am	Baby Oscar (ill)
Tues 19	11am	Carmelina Pereira RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Wed 20	11am	Carmine Fernandes RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Thurs 21	11am	Luiza Maria Dias, Minguel Dias and Inacio Gonsalves RIP
Fri 22	11am	Sr Angela Rowley RIP
Sat 23	11am 5pm	Tommy McHale RIP Karen Puddle (ill)
Sun 24	9am 9am 11am 11am	Pasquela Martina Fernandes RIP [C] Shannon Hanlon in Thanksgiving [PC] Fr Gerry Burke RIP [C] Ray Palmer RIP (Anniversary) [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: Joe and Francesca Do Rosario RIP (Anniv)		

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**