

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Second Sunday of the Year

18th/19th January 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 125: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34
Next Week: Third Sunday of the Year: Page: 127: Isaiah 8:23, 9:3; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17;

Matthew 4:12-23



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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

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Dear Friends

Just before we receive Holy Communion we pray together these words "Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us". I can remember even as a child wondering a couple of things. Firstly, why didn't we say "Lamb of God take away the sins of Catholics" or even "take away the sins of Christians", and secondly why do we refer to Jesus as a lamb.

It is only recently that I have had the privilege to study scripture in greater detail than before and therefore it has been a relatively recent discovery for me to find that the Old Testament is littered with references to animal sacrifice, and lambs in particular as their white coats would have symbolised purity. The purpose of these sacrifices was that according to the laws of Moses everything was purified with blood and thus the priests would purify their people from sin. However, the laws of Moses were unable to save us because of our human failings, so in sending us his Son in a human body God did what the law was unable to do. And in that human body, the same human body that John spoke about at the beginning of today's gospel, God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. And not just the sins of Christians or Catholics but for all of humanity.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, "The Lamb of God," was our once and for all sacrifice that fulfilled God's need for a blood offering. He was the perfect sacrifice of love that brought the possibility of perpetual change to the world. He was a perfect offering of purity and cleanliness, who was sinless despite being a man.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

Meditate

John's mission was to point out Jesus as he walked around. Without him, some people will not have followed, listened or accepted Jesus in their lives. Today Jesus is still present among us, many a times unrecognised by us. How can you point him out to others? Who has presented Jesus to you?

Act

Pray in thanksgiving for the person who has been John the Baptist for you. Think also who could you lead to Christ, pointing out his presence in the events of his/her life.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 21st January** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

The Preparation Class will start on **Thursday 23rd January** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 25th January at 10am** in the Presbytery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place on **Saturday 25th January** from 2.00-4.00pm in the Parish Centre. It is aimed at first time parents. Please call Jordan Pullicino or email (jordanpullicino@rcdow.org.uk) to reserve your place.

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

Christmas Hamper

A sum of £700 was raised for the Parish Centre. Thanks to all who supported the raffle and a big thank you to Mary Crawley and her team for selling the raffles.

Christmas Tree and Decorations

Thank you to all those who helped remove the Christmas decorations, pack and put them away, clear the Christmas Tree and remove it for collection and then tidy up. Your help is much appreciated.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 20th January** at 7.30pm. A talk on Hanworth will be given by Angela. Hanworth is a most interesting District and promises to be a very entertaining evening.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 JANUARY 2020

This year's theme is 'Unusual Kindness' and invites us to see with compassion, and to consider our contribution to those 'in trouble on the sea' of life. The reflections this year come from Malta, and are based upon the account of Paul's shipwreck on that same island. Booklets are available (for a small donation) for daily reflections. You are invited to join us for a short liturgy at **6pm on Tuesday, 21st January.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 21st January** at 6.30pm.

WALKING TOGETHER: POPE FRANCIS AND HIS VISION FOR ECUMENISM

Churches Together in Bedfont, Feltham & Hanworth will be hosting a talk by Christopher Lamb on the above topic at St Lawrence's Parish Centre on **Tuesday 28th January at 3.00pm.** The talk will be followed by questions and refreshments. All welcome.

TABLE TOP SALE

Sunday 2 February in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses. An opportunity to recycle unwanted Christmas gifts. There is a box by the Baptistry to place your items. **No used items.**

FAMILY HOLIDAY CLUB, FEBRUARY HALF TERM – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On **Friday 21st February**, from 11am-2pm Caritas Westminster will be running the Feltham Family Holiday Club. The club will include lots of fun activities for families to enjoy, followed by a hot nutritious lunch and food to take home and cook together, all for free. Caritas launched their clubs very successfully in October 2019, serving over 400 meals to families. However, Caritas rely on volunteers to make the clubs happen, so to make sure they can run again in February they really need your help! If you would be able to volunteer on **Friday 21st February, between 9am-3pm** at St Lawrence's Catholic Church (TW13 4AF) to support with kids activities, admin, or cooking the lunch please email cfc@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077 to let us know. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church and hand completed forms to the Parish Office. You can also get in touch if you would like to attend the club with your children.

PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th February** at 7pm in the Presbytery

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley will be travelling to Zimbabwe and will be holding a Coffee morning to raise funds for the Zimbabwean orphans. This will be on **Sunday 9th February** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Offers of help and donations of cakes would be most welcome.

MASS FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The annual Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on Saturday **8th February at 2pm** at Westminster Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. If you are attending in a wheelchair please let the Parish Office know by **26th January.**

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please hand in your items in writing by Wednesday of each week. Do not verbally give information as it gets lost!!

ROOM TO LET

A young couple in the parish are looking for somewhere to live in Feltham. If anyone has a double room to rent for approximately six months, please contact the Parish Office.

BALKAN DANCE GROUP

The next meeting is on **Friday 7th February** from 8-10pm in the Parish Centre.

STAMPS FOR CARITAS

Thank you to all those who generously handed in their stamps over Christmas. The collection has now ended so PLEASE do not send or hand in any more stamps.

REST IN PEACE

EUGENIE BARBARA SELLORS RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Eugenie Barbara Sellors RIP**, who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers her family and all who mourn her. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Thursday 23rd January** at 12noon.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Herbert Williams RIP Mass in Ukrainian (Baptism of the Lord) Sacrament of Reconciliation Matthew Graham RIP
Sun 19	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	John Igboanugo Junior RIP John, Kathleen & Peter Hamill RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam Deceased members of the Crawley Family RIP
Mon 20	09.30	Anthony Marques (Intentions & Good Job)
Tues 21	09.30 18.00	Joyce Shoniwa RIP Week of Christian Unity – Liturgy Service
Wed 22	09.30	Lawrence D'Souza RIP (First Anniversary)
Thurs 23	09.30 12.00 18.00	Celebrant's Intention REQUIEM MASS – EUGENIE BARBARA SELLORS RIP Sacred Heart of Jesus devotions
Fri 24	09.30 12.00	Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Intentions) Baptism of Martin Stokes
Sat 25	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Ray Palmer RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Tagalog Sacrament of Reconciliation Matthew Graham RIP Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 26	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Mary & James Joseph Bannigan RIP (Anniversary) Ronald Henry RIP (First Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick Yahowa RIP		

Thank you for your generosity in collection last week:

11-12 January: Envelopes £777.56 Loose £925.23
Standing Orders £594.00 **Total £2,296.79**
Crib Appeal - £722.72