

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1:** Page 129: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30;  
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21  
**Next Week: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** Page: 132: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13;  
Luke 4:21-30



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We hear in the Gospel today that "Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee." Jesus feels himself anointed by the Spirit of a God who is concerned about those that suffer. It is this very spirit that impels Jesus to dedicate His entire life to free, alleviate, cure and forgive:

*"The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour"*

Jesus cites Isaiah (Is 61, 1-2) - He, Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy; this is His program, plan, and mission. And yet at many times throughout history Christians seem to have lost their way and forgotten about it. Christian theology has often directed its attention to sin rather than human suffering, has emphasized the fear of damnation rather than the joy of following Jesus, has created sensationalism about the loss of souls rather than an understanding of the 'Good News' that promotes a more dignified and humane society for all peoples.

We Christians believe in a God attentive to human suffering. A true follower of Jesus must embrace the responsibility of attending and alleviating the pain of those that suffer.

Being "anointed by the Spirit" is the root of a Christian's spirituality precisely because it is Jesus' spirituality. It follows that we should expect to find a true Christian exactly where we find Jesus in the Gospels, near to the helpless and humiliated. What should characterize such a person above all is not the degree of intimate communication with the Supreme Divinity in hours of prayer but rather love for a God that sends them to aid the poor and abandoned.

**Fr Peter**

**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**

### Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May this year 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).

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

## SACRAMENTS

### SUNDAY AND TUESDAY GROUPS

The Sunday Group will meet on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January** at 10am in St Lawrence's School for their First Holy Communion preparation.

The next class for the Tuesday Group will be on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### CONFIRMATION

The next preparation Class for Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

## PARISH NOTICES

### CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to Bernardine Doran who received the Benemerenti Award in recognition of her work in the Church and Community over the years.

### THANK YOU

- We thank God for Sr Mary, Sr Katherine, Sr Nora and the Sisters of Mercy who have provided St Lawrence's with tremendous support, love and care in various ministries in the Church and school for the last 25 years and continue to do so diligently and tirelessly. May God Bless them all on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their arrival in the parish.

- An enormous "thank you" to Philomena Franklin, Patti Owen and their team of helpers for such a wonderful Senior Citizen's lunch and party on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January. It was a lovely way to end our Christmas celebrations here in the parish by honouring some of our senior parishioners in this way. A lot of work goes into making it happen but the reward is simply to make someone happy.

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm. A "Bring and Buy sale" and a fun Quiz will be held during the evening. Do come and join in the fun. Ladies of the Parish you are invited to come and join with the UCM members.

### FIRST FRIDAY CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning in aid of CAFOD will be held on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** after the 9.30am Mass.

### CAR PARK -SCHOOL AND CHURCH

On a Sunday morning in December there was a serious incident on Victoria Road near the entrance to the school. The Police have been looking at CCTV cameras in school and at street level. We need to be more vigilant of who is around. Access and security to Church and school are our responsibility.

### LENT

The Diocese will be producing a new six-week faith sharing resource for Lent 2019 - **Rejoice and be Glad**. *Rejoice and be Glad* invites those who share in it to discover what it means to be a joyful missionary disciple of Jesus Christ. We have a few people who have expressed interest in leading a group in their home or at Church. If anyone is interested in joining a group, please put your name on the list in the porch.

### PROCLAIM

There will be a Proclaim Spring gathering supporting the setting up and development of Parish Evangelisation Team for the formation of Missionary Disciples and development of Missionary Parishes. This meeting will take place at St Mark's Catholic School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** from 9.30am to 3.00pm with Bishop John Wilson. The event is free, tea and coffee will be provided. Bring your own lunch. We initiated a Proclaim group three years ago in Feltham and if anyone is interested please speak to Deacon Colin Macken so that he can register you for the meeting (email: [colin.macken@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colin.macken@rcdow.org.uk)).

### LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing Classes will resume again on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30pm. £4.00 per session. All welcome.

### PREGNANCY MATTERS "LIFE"

A Coffee Morning and Table Top sale will be held after the morning Masses on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. Proceeds will go to Pregnancy Matters in Hounslow and to the Parish Centre Building Fund. If you can help please contact Annie Burke. Donations of cakes, toiletries, bric-a-brac, books and toys would be much appreciated.

## FOR THE YOUTH

### HOUNSLOW SUMMIT

The Westminster Youth Ministry invite youth groups and Confirmation groups age 14-18 to their next event which will be held at SS Michael & Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Anyone who is interested please speak to Jordan for details.

### YOUTH EVENT

We are excited to announce that CYMFED Flame Conference is returning to Wembley Arena on **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**. This is the biggest Catholic Youth Event in the UK and as such we are hoping it will be a fantastic day! Many exciting speakers have already been announced such as Pastor Robert Madu, Tim Hughes, Guvna B and Girl's got Faith's Emma Borquaye to name a few. The day is expected to be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our shared faith on a grand scale. If you are interested in joining thousands of other young people, tickets will be £20.00 per person. Please pay your money in an envelope marked "Flame 2019" with your name and contact details to the Parish Office no later than 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. Thank you. Lloyd Gashu

## OTHER

### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 20-27 January

This annual gathering of Churches Together in Feltham, Hanworth and Bedfont to celebrate the end of the Week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place at St Mary's Church, Bedfont TW14 8JR on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00pm**. All are very welcome to come and worship together with our fellow Christians. The theme this year is based around Deuteronomy 16:18-20 - "Justice, and only justice you shall pursue..."

### THE SHELTER PROJECT HOUNSLOW...

...is currently providing up to fifteen homeless men with a hot evening meal, night shelter and breakfast at Church venues in the Borough. Extra volunteer 'shift' cover is needed at St Michael & St Martin Church, Hounslow and at Turnham Green Church, Chiswick on Saturday nights to Sunday mornings and Sunday nights to Monday mornings. Dates and times are listed in the porch. If you are able to offer help, please contact Cha on 07947 652234. Many thanks in advance.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Bernardine Doran (Intention) (with presentation of the Benemerenti Award) Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino people Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving - Rodrigues Family
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Emily Theobalds RIP (First Anniversary) Declan Duggan RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Sisters of Mercy in Thanksgiving - 25 years in the Parish
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Eileen Carroll RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Daniel Chimes RIP
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	09.30	Fernandes Family in Thanksgiving
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	09.30	Sr Mary Vianney Kehoe RIP and Sr Oliver Kehoe RIP
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Cirilo Rodrigues in Thanksgiving Baptism of William Flint Sacrament of Reconciliation For the intentions of the Power Family
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Ken & Holly Hawkins in Thanksgiving Eamon O'Brien RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Martin Stephen Lambert RIP (Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: Janet D'Souza RIP		

### Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

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