

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15  
**Next Week: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35



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### MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Florie or visit the office on a Monday or Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

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### MASS TIMES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Church only.
- Sunday 9am and 11am Outdoors weather permitting)
- On Saturdays there will be Confession at 10.30am (and on request) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers

## School's Out!

Dear Friends

The school holidays have begun and although this summer, rather like its predecessor, is far from normal, it is, I hope a chance for our children and teachers to relax somewhat after a school year that has been challenging, rigorous, but one too in which we have seen so much of the best displayed by people in terms of patience, generosity and care for each other.

This Sunday's gospel – the feeding of the five thousand – is an appropriate reminder of God's boundless generosity to each of us. He gives us what we need – and with an excess too - as in the Gospel. I imagine that the scene on that hillside would have been similar to the large summer outdoor parties and festivals that would normally occur around now. That coming together to eat, to listen, to share is something that is usually so commonplace that we took it for granted. Now that circumstances have dictated otherwise, I think we will appreciate these occasions for something more than simply a good time with friends, important as that undoubtedly is.

They are rather a chance to build up community and to listen to each other, to share with one another and to engage with each other in a way that sees the other person as a uniquely valuable, uniquely loveable individual created in the image and love of God. During these summer holidays, groups of children and their families will hopefully have an opportunity to come together. May it be an opportunity for them to really get to know each other and enjoy God's generosity of the good things He gives us each day.

Have a good week and let's pray for each other!

Father John Louis

## STEP 4 OF THE ROADMAP FOR ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

1. The Sunday obligation is still lifted until the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
2. A gentle approach to change is recommended so that by September people are more confident to gather in larger numbers.
3. We will continue with the 2 Sunday morning Masses outdoors (weather permitting until the end of August).
4. From Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, we will celebrate Masses in Church on Sundays with 3 Sunday morning Masses: **8.00am; 9.30am and 11.00am** with the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday evenings continuing.
5. Choirs and music can resume from September.
6. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers can also resume from September
7. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind.
8. The Sign of Peace is still suspended
9. Track and Trace will remain in place
10. The Parish Centre may be used from September
11. From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – our weekday Masses **Monday to Friday will be at 10.00am and the Saturday morning Mass will remain at 11.00am**

## Motivation for John 6:1-15

"Although this is the year of Mark, we are going to spend this and the next four Sundays with St John's Gospel. Over these Sundays we will be with the crowd who have gathered on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, the side of the Gentiles, where Israel, God's chosen people, will be opened up to include the Gentiles as, together, they are given a new identity. The Passover is near and Jesus is sitting on the mountain with his disciples. This is a solemn moment. Let us listen with the ear of the heart. We must be prepared because some of Jesus' teaching will be hard for us.

This Sunday the problem is simple. The huge crowd has no food. They need Jesus' word; they also need bodily nourishment. The problem seems insoluble and the only answer is to get the crowd to disperse. But there is a small boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Imagine that you are like him. What do you have to give that can help change the anxiety and hunger of those around you into attentive listening to Jesus? Have faith that Jesus can always find new life where we see only insuperable limitations.

Once we are settled with the crowd, what we are going to hear is mystagogy. Over these next weeks Jesus will lead us into a deep understanding of the Eucharistic mystery that he is going to establish for us during the very last days of his mission. In this great mystery, Jesus draws us up into the eternal life he shares with his Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. We have a wonderful banquet to look forward to:

'The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live' (Psalm 144: 15-16)."

## Bidding Prayers for the week:

**With trust in God's faithful love for humanity, let us turn to the Lord in prayer:**

**We pray for Pope Francis** as he reminds us that "care is an expression of the heart". Let us all devote ourselves to a life of care and compassion to others.

**We pray that we may never be indifferent to the suffering of vulnerable people:** may we show compassion and use our gifts generously to serve them.

**We pray for all those affected by severe floods in many countries:** may they have the strength to rebuild their lives and may all those who are bereaved be comforted.

**Let us pray for all school leavers, graduates and young people entering the workforce for the first time:** may they find the support and encouragement they need in order to make a happy start on such an important step on their journey through life.

**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, may we be receptive to receive your Holy Spirit and live every day at peace with you and with our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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!** You can also use the contactless machine in Church. 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**

## DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

The August booklets are available at the back of Church at £1.00 each.

## ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL FOOD BANK

With summer holidays approaching, the food bank requires the following: tinned food (tomatoes, chickpeas, kidney beans), toiletries (including nappies, toilet paper), cleaning products, washing detergent, breakfast bars, crisps, cereal, squash, orange juice, etc. NO PASTA OR RICE please. Supermarket gift cards are also acceptable to allow families to buy fresh produce. Kindly put your donations in the food collection box in the porch and these will be handed to the school. *Thank you – Roby, Sharyn, Jo, Bridget.*

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/2022

Parents of Year 3 children and above who wish to enrol them for the First Holy Communion Programme can do so by emailing [theresafernandes@aol.com](mailto:theresafernandes@aol.com) requesting an enrolment form.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2021/2022

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2021 and is not attending a Catholic School please email [theresafernandes@aol.com](mailto:theresafernandes@aol.com) for a registration form. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive their First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

### CONFIRMATION 2021/2022

If you live in the parish of St. Lawrence's, attend Mass here and you are in School Year 9 or above in September 2021, you are invited to apply to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021. Please email [theresafernandes@aol.com](mailto:theresafernandes@aol.com) for a Registration Form. Further details of classes will be on the application form.

### RCIA Course 2021/2022

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 is 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. For more details please contact Fr. John on 0787 905 8732 or email: [johnbyrne@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:johnbyrne@rcdow.org.uk)

### FINANCE MEETING

There will be a Finance Meeting on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm** in the Parish Centre.

### REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Jordi (Jorge) Jose Corominas Cio RIP** and all those who have passed away recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

His funeral will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July** at Hanworth Crematorium at 1.40pm

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine on him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24	11am 5pm	John Hourihan RIP Francisco Mendonca RIP
Sun 25	9am 9am 11am 11am	Corazon Carbungco RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] Sylvia Scholtysik (Intentions & Good Health) [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Mon 26	11am	Maria Filomena Dominica Fernandes RIP
Tues 27	11am	Holy Souls RIP
Wed 28	11am	Malcolm Preston RIP (Birthday Remembrance)
Thurs 29	11am	Prisca Pereira in Thanksgiving
Fri 30	11am	Holy Souls RIP
Sat 31	11am 5pm	Cruz Gonsalves RIP (Birthday Remembrance) Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Sun 1 August	9am 9am 11am 11am	Joanna Serafin Rodrigues RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] Mylie Rodrigues (Intentions) [C] People of the Parish [PC]
		Sanctuary Lamp: The Wilson Family in Thanksgiving

### Prayer for the Year of St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To You God entrusted his only Son;  
in You Mary placed her trust;  
with You Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph to us too, show yourself as Father  
and guide us on the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*