

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Eleventh Sunday of the Year



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17th/18th June 2023



Year A, Volume 2 (Page 91): Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36, 10:8

Sunday 25th June: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 93): Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Dear Friends,

I do sometimes wonder if Ordinary Time is a bit misleading and perhaps it should be known as missionary time. There are many situations in our lives we are asked to make a choice. Perhaps what university would be good to attend or which career path or vocation to follow. At elections we are asked to choose the candidate we believe best represents our interests, although I do sometimes wonder what motive the candidate has in wanting to be elected. Is the candidate motivated by the desire to serve, moved by compassion for the less fortunate in our society or is he or she just on some kind of ego trip, seeking power or celebrity status? Now try to imagine that you are one of the candidates. I would hope that you know your own limitations so therefore you might not be wondering about your own motives, but about why you were nominated in the first place. In elections, or in any situation involving choice, who do we choose and how can we account for ourselves when we are chosen?

In today's Gospel it is made quite clear why we might and indeed should choose to have Jesus as our leader. We hear that "When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus deserves our support because he genuinely cares for us in our confusion and fear. The people of Israel always had this sense of being chosen and cared for by God who is like a shepherd leading his sheep. In the words of the psalm, 'He made us we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.' In gathering his flock Jesus chooses twelve of his disciples to give leadership to the New Israel (the number twelve to parallel the twelve tribes to which they are sent). They are sent out on a mission or vocation to proclaim the kingdom, to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers and to cast out devils.

As Catholics we should understand that our bishops are the successors of the twelve apostles, chosen to carry on the saving mission given to the twelve almost two thousand years ago. But the church teaches that each one of us by our baptism and confirmation is called to share in that mission we are all of us in communion with Peter and the bishops. So a good question to ask is why have I been chosen? I know my limitations and my own sinfulness. In today's second reading Paul tells us that we were all helpless when Christ died for us. This is what proves to us that God loves us, because Christ died for us while we were still sinners, still enemies of God. We should remember that none of us have been chosen because of our own worth, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't give freely of our time (and I know many of you do) to serve our community.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

The Parish Secretary is away this week

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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SUMMER FEASTS IN THE PARISH

FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL - Thursday 29 June –

Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 9.30am, 12noon and 7.00pm

OUR PATRON, ST LAWRENCE THE DEACON & MARTYR - Thursday

10 August. Mass at 9.30am and Solemn Mass 7pm followed by bring & share parish supper party.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tuesday 15

August *Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass at 9.30am, 12noon and Solemn Mass & Procession of Our Lady & Benediction at 7.00pm

RELIC OF ST EDMUND CAMPION – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA

The relic of St Edmund Campion will be coming to our Church on **Saturday 1st July 2023** for the 5:00pm mass.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED BY GOD TO BE A CATECHIST?

Catechists are needed for the following programmes:

1. Sunday School – after 9:30am Sunday Mass, for children in school year 2 and above, who do not attend Catholic Schools, starting September, to prepare them for First Holy Communion Course

2. First Holy Communion classes are on Saturday afternoons at 3:15pm, for children at a Catholic School in year 3 and above, starting September.

3. Confirmation Group catechesis on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm for young people in Year 9 and above, starting October. New Catechists will probably start by shadowing a Catechist in a group until you feel confident. In this service of love, getting to know, caring for, teaching, and formation we all learn and grow together. It is a big commitment of time. Please pray about it. There is a meeting for those interested in Confirmation Catechism on **Saturday 1st July 10:30am-12:30pm** to plan the coming programme.

There is a Diocesan meeting for all Catechists on **Saturday 8th July**, 9:45am-3:30pm, at Sacred Heart School in Hammersmith. Please speak to Cathy Early if you would like to know more about anything mentioned above regarding Catechists. Her details are in the newsletter or she can be found at the back of church after 11:00am Sunday mass.

CONFIRMATION 2024 ENROLMENT

Applications are available for our Confirmation programme starting in October for those who will be in Year 9 or above in September.

- Please email Cathy Early (details over the page) for an application form and session dates.

- You will also need to sign up to attend a short meeting with a Catechist with your parents on either **Wednesday 5th July** or **Wednesday 12th July** between 6pm and 8pm. The sign-up sheets are on the porch notice board.

DRIVE LEADING TO CHURCH AND PARKING

Parents and Parishioners are not to park on The Green or drive into the church compound especially between 8.15am and 9.00am

Monday to Friday. This is becoming a real hazard to children coming to school. **Parishioners** – you are reminded that parking in the church compound is for people with **disabilities, the elderly and the pastoral team.**

EXHIBITION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The National Gallery is holding an exhibition from **6th May to 30th July 2023** <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi>

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH Saturday 15/7/23

Coach leaves St. Vincent's, 2 Witham Rd TW7 4AJ between 0915-0930. Return at 1900. See poster on noticeboard for details of the programme

WINTERSHALL LIFE OF CHRIST

The Life of Christ is a passion play not to be missed. It is both educational and entertaining, amusing and serious. **10am to 3.30pm. 27th June - 1st July.** See poster for details.

[Book your tickets](https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-6) <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-6>

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17	11.00am	CONFIRMATION
	2.00pm	CONFIRMATION
	5.00pm	Kerry Ann Gallagher RIP
☩ Sun 18	8.00am	For families who have lost children RIP
	9.30am	Sheila Murphy (Get Well)
	11.00am	John, Kathleen & Peter Hamill RIP
	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass in Malayalam
Mon 19	8.15am	Anita Rosario Peregino RIP, Rolando Garcia Dauz Senior and deceased family members RIP
	9.30am	Pat Stokes RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 20	9.30am	Sr Geraldine Lawlor (Intention)
	6.00pm	Aloma Solomons RIP
Wed 21	9.30am	Aloma Solomons RIP
	11.30am	FUNERAL SERVICE – GEORGE DICK RIP
Thurs 22	9.30am	Bridget D'Souza RIP
	11.00am	FUNERAL SERVICE – ANTONIA CHAPMAN RIP
Fri 23	9.30am	Colin Macken in Thanksgiving – Ordination Anniversary
Sat 24	11.00am	Yvonne & Tony Byrne in Thanksgiving – 40 th Wedding Anniversary
	2.30pm	Mass in Tagalog
	5.00pm	CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING MASS
	7.00pm	Daire O'Gallchoir RIP – (Birthday Remembrance)
☩ Sun 25	8.00am	Surendram Family in Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Victor Fernandes in Thanksgiving
	11.00am	David Cherry in Thanksgiving – First Ordination Anniversary
	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy

Sanctuary Lamp: Rebecca Offia-Jiaku RIP

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Antonia Chapman RIP, Lucienne Cangy RIP (Rose-Marie Calmiano's mum), Noel Bell RIP, George Dick RIP, Maureen Fenlon RIP and Elton Joseph RIP, who passed away recently.

George Dick RIP – His Funeral Service will take place here on **Wednesday 21st June** at 11.30am.

Antonia Chapman RIP – Her Funeral Service will take place here on **Thursday 22nd June** at 11am.

Noel Bell RIP – His Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Friday 30th June** at **2.40pm.**

Please also keep their family and friends in your prayers.

CAFOD – SEEDS FOR ALL

Next weekend Miriam McEaney and her team of volunteers will be at the back of Church wanting your signatures (not money) in support of small farmers for a giant letter that will be sent to the World Bank before their meeting in Morocco in October. They will explain in more detail.

RACIAL JUSTICE

...are holding a webinar giving an opportunity for those working or wanting to learn about the area of Racial Justice. This will take place on **Tuesday 11th July 14.00 – 15.30.** For more information go to <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/catholic-church-mary-jesus-posters-b2276590.html>

UCM – Meet on **Monday 19th June** at 12noon

JOB VACANCIES

Please see notice board for vacancies around the Diocese and also at Mary's Meals, CAFOD, and St Paul's School, Sunbury.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

10-11 June: Loose £1,223.38 Envelopes £314.00

Total £1,537.38

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