

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

22nd/23rd June 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 83: Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 109; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

Next Week: Saints Peter and Paul: Page: 180: Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16: 13-19



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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

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Dear Friends,

I suspect that the phrase "we are what we eat" is familiar to many of us. It is certainly familiar to me with my liking for food that isn't the healthiest available, however The Eucharist is the healthiest food available.

Our celebration of The Eucharist is the true centre of the whole Catholic life. It is the focal point of union of the Church, The Body of Christ, with Christ as her head.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day (*John 6:54 CTS New Catholic Bible*).

The implications of this are quite profound, we live in Christ and he lives in us, and in doing so we take Christ to ourselves and then become inseparable from him. Or, to put it another way, if we are to develop our relationship with Christ then our amalgamation into his Body must be complete.

If we are to have real life in us, we must receive the Eucharist in a manner worthy of the one whom we are receiving. We should not only receive, but we should also adore. We should be mindful of the advice given to us by St. Augustine "No one eats this flesh without first adoring it." The Eucharist is to the soul what physical food is to the body. Just as the traveller loses strength for the journey through starvation and hunger, so we who are pilgrims journeying to our eternal home will continue to lose strength if we starve ourselves of the Body and Blood of Christ. Additionally, St. Teresa of Avila said, "The Eucharist is food for our body as well as remedy for maladies." The singular aim of Christ in abiding with us "is to aid, to incite, to strengthen us to do the will of God." This means that if we are unenthusiastic in our reception of the Eucharist, we will lack in vitality and strength to accomplish God's will.

The challenge of today's feast is for us as Catholics to examine our attitude towards the Eucharist, and with that a deeper level of living with the Eucharist. We could do well to reflect on these few questions. *Does my life reflect the Life of Christ? What stops me from approaching and adoring the Lord in the sacrament of his real and substantial presence? Does my union with Christ through receiving this sacrament help boost my union and unity of others?*

So, of course we are what we eat, but not only in the physical sense, we should remember that since the time of Christ and in many different places and circumstances across the centuries, the followers of Our Lord Jesus Christ have found inspiration at the Eucharistic table to go forth in his name to preach the Gospel, to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to heal the sick, and encourage others in their own communities on their own personal pilgrimage of life. We who gather at the table, who meet Christ in his word and sacrament, and in each other, are called to bring his life and love to those around us through committed lives of witness and service.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Group will be away on their Weekend Retreat from **28th -30th June**. Please keep them in your prayer.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Abigail Cela and Magdalena Kabat who were baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A group photograph taken by Simon Drake Photography at the Thanksgiving Mass is on the porch window.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you would like your child to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2020, application forms will be available from Fr John, Fr Peter or Jordan at Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses on **22/23 June, 29/30 June and 5/6 July**.

Completed application forms should be returned to Jordan in the Presbytery on **Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th June, Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July** between 3.30pm and 5pm. Please wait in Church with your child.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2019 and **not** attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. This programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **15th September at 10am in St. Lawrence's School**. We require your child to attend Sunday School for **one year** prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Please see Jordan for more details

PARISH NOTICES

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

There will be an outdoor Eucharistic Procession of Witness around the school playground after the 11am Mass this Sunday.

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to renew their commitment at any of the Masses this weekend. There is a sign up list in the sacristy.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

The Mass this month will be on **Saturday 29th June** at 3.00pm

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA ANNUAL APPEAL

Fr John Gerrard will be making an appeal at all Masses the weekend of **29th/30th June** on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa (also known as the White Fathers), speaking about their work in Africa. There will be a collection at the end of all the weekend Masses.

COFFEE MORNING/TABLE TOP SALE

There will be a Coffee Morning and Table Top sale in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 30th June** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Please do come in for a cuppa, chat and a bargain Table Top includes DVD's, bric-a-brac, books, jewellery, toiletries and lots more. Cakes and offers of help would be appreciated. Proceeds in aid of the Parish Centre. Please speak to Annie Burke.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training morning for new Altar Servers on **Saturday 29th June and 6th July, from 10am to 11am** in Church. All children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are very welcome to join St Lawrence's serving team. You need attend only one of the training mornings.

PARISH CENTRE AND PARISH CARETAKER

We will be appointing a new Parish Centre and Parish Caretaker. If you are interested, please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732.

Closing date: 5th July.

MASS & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

Our Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing for the Sick will take place on **Saturday 6th July** at 12.00noon followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

There are lists at the back of Church for those who would like to attend, helpers, offers of lifts for those with no transport. We need offers of help to bring people to Church and take them back.

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL FCJ ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR

takes place on Sunday **7th July 2019** from 12 midday to 4pm. All are very welcome but please be aware that there is no parking on site. We look forward to seeing you!

MOVIE AFTERNOON – EVAN ALMIGHTY



The Confirmation Group are hosting a Movie evening showing **Evan**

Almighty to raise funds for the Parish Centre Building Fund. **Date & Time: Sunday 23rd June 6.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5.00. There will also

be refreshments and raffles. Come along and support them.

QUIZ NIGHT

The West London Goans are having a Quiz Night with a Fish & Chips Supper on **Saturday 6th July** from 7pm to 10.30pm. Tickets: Adults: £10 for fish/chips or chicken/chips; Children: £5 chicken nuggets/chips. Contact Mary D'Souza for further information. Please bring your own drinks.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Two more sessions left on this course – Wednesday 26th June and 3rd July from 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Just in case you missed a session there will be a recap video shown on **Friday 28th June from 10.15am-11.15am**

CAFOD – MASS LOBBY AT WESTMINSTER

Date: Wednesday 26th June at 1.00pm. This is our chance to discuss Climate Change with our MP. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Miriam McEaney at miriam.mceaney@hotmail.com. It would be great to get a group together.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Fogarty RIP, Rafael Sabino RIP and Bernie Driscoll RIP who died recently.

RAFAEL SABINO RIP – Rafael's body will be received into Church at 3.00pm on **Monday 24th June** and there will be a Mass at 6pm with Fr Cirino, the Filipino Chaplain. His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 25th June** at 9.30am.

The car park will be closed for the funeral on Tuesday 25th, only immediate family will be allowed to park.

BERNIE DRISCOLL RIP – His Requiem will take place at St. Michael's Church, Ashford on **Monday 24th June** at 11am

Mary Fogarty's funeral arrangement will be announced next week.

Please also remember in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Wilson Family Intentions Baptisms of Abigail Cela and Magdalena Kabat
	17.00 18.00 19.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Victor Fernandes in Thanksgiving Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 23	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	For the intention of Deacon Colin Macken John, Kathleen & Peter Hamill RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Mon 24	9.30 15.00 18.00	Bill Newland RIP Reception and Vigil – Rafael Sabino RIP Mass in Tagalog – Rafael Sabino RIP
Tues 25	09.30	REQUIEM MASS – RAFAEL SABINO RIP
Wed 26	09.30	Vivian Marshall RIP
Thurs 27	09.30	Fr Daniel Humphries (Intention)
Fri 28	09.30	Mary Joseph Fernandez RIP
Sat 29	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Ludovino Soares (Intentions) Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Mylie Rodrigues in Thanksgiving
Sun 30	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Marlon Dias in Thanksgiving and Well being Arthur Greenwood RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Crawley Family (Intentions)		

Thank you for your generosity in the Easter and last week's collections:

15-16 June: Envelopes £716.59 Loose £1,030.93

Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,516.52**