

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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First Sunday of Lent



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**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1:** Page 151: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5:12-19;

Matthew 4:1-11

**Next Week: Second Sunday of Lent:** Page: 155: Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9



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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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)

### TIMES OF SERVICES

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

### ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please hand in your items **in writing** by Wednesday of each week. Verbal notices will not be accepted.



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On Wednesday we had our foreheads daubed with ash, while hearing the words 'Repent, and believe the Gospel', or 'Remember you are dust, and unto dust you shall return'. With this outward gesture, we have begun our inner journey that is Lent.

This journey requires strength and support. The Church has long understood that the daily praying of the Psalms is fundamental for this, indeed, they form the basis of the Church's 'Liturgy of Hours' – short prayers recited daily around the world as the official prayer of the Church. Therefore, this Lent we are offering a short course here in the parish on *Praying the Psalms*.

So what are 'Psalms', and why and how should we pray them?

Psalms are poetry, and songs from the Old Testament. They are the songs of praise, of pilgrims and of penitents, of those who rejoice and want to dance, and of those who are in the deepest sorrow and fear. They literally give voice to a breadth of human experience, and direct it all to God. For this reason alone, they are deeply prayerful, and put into words, even for us today, the words we may struggle to find when we come to pray.

We all want to draw close to God, but often find it hard to express what is in our hearts. The Psalms are wonderful in giving us expressions of feelings we sometimes are even ashamed of, and may feel stop us from praying at all. Jesus himself prayed these very Psalms, as Jewish worshippers do still today.

So, by praying the Psalms we not only find expression and voice for so many of our own experiences and feelings, but we join with the universal Church around the world in her prayer. We also connect with the Scripture that is the foundation of our faith, and put into our own mouths, the words that Jesus and his disciples would have prayed.

As we journey toward Easter, and resurrection life, what better way than to pray as Jesus did, and indeed, with Jesus today, through praying the Psalms?

'Praying the Psalms' every Wednesday evening of Lent, from March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7.45pm – 8.45pm, in the Parish Centre. All most welcome. Books of Psalms are available.

**Dr Jordan Pullicino**

**Catholic Leadership Retreat** for 14/15+ year olds. A one day retreat with guest speakers: Realise your potential in leadership! This retreat is at the SPEC Retreat Centre. Contact Jordan (07765 040 654) for details and support.

**Sing! 2020. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.** Come and spend a day singing Gospel with well-known Gospel choir leaders. No experience necessary – its great fun! And its only round the corner at Riverside Vineyard Church! See posters in porch or speak to Jordan (a group of us are already booked!). Tickets:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/gospelgenerationcommunitychoir](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gospelgenerationcommunitychoir) Also, finish the day with fish and chips and a singalong (£7 extra) or just come for the food!

**Gospel Choir** - Meet at the Riverside Vineyard Church on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.30pm. No musical experience necessary.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING FLOWERS TO CHURCH DURING LENT**

## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

### Meditate

Temptations, ordeals and hardships are part of life and are most certainly needed as we set to serve the Lord. These are the moments when we choose whether or not we want to follow Jesus. However, as St. Paul reminds us nobody is tempted beyond their strength. Because Christ has conquered we are confident we can be victorious as we share in Jesus' triumph.

### Act

Angels came to serve Jesus at the moment of his trials. We are surrounded by people who are going through moments of trials in their family life, their health or work. ponder how you could be an angel to serve them and so help them pass through this moment.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Ida Rosa who was baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting is on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 4.30pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

### SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

The next preparation session is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10am** in the Presbytery.

## PARISH NOTICES

### OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

This weekend we launch our Stewardship renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask *all* parishioners to *prayerfully* reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. Today, please take an appeal newsletter. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at 7.30pm for Mass in the Parish Centre. It is always rewarding to have Mass offered for the intentions of the UCM with the members present. It is hoped that all members will be able to attend.

### INTERCESSORY DAY – PRAYER TOWER

We welcome parishioners to attend an hour of intercessory prayer on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** from 10-11am. We will be interceding for various intentions along with praise and worship.

### DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Day of Reflection has been planned for all Eucharistic Ministers for **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and questions. The day will end at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am and Stations of the Cross after Mass. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available. If you missed the last meeting, it would be a good opportunity to come along to this meeting. All welcome.

### NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Nursery School on

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am-10.30am**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – 3.30pm-4.30pm**

To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots. On the day of your appointment please come with your child and wait in Church. Make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice

## CAFOD FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

A total of £195.40 was raised last Sunday at the Coffee Morning reinforcing our status as a Fairtrade Parish and raising much needed funds for CAFOD. Thank you to all who helped make it such a jolly occasion.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is this Friday and a collection will be taken next weekend at all Masses. Please take an envelope for your donation and Gift Aid if you are able to.

**LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS (LWOTC)** production recreating the last hours of Jesus' human life and performed by the parishioners of SS Michael and Martin will be coming to our Parish **on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm**. All are invited to come & experience this moving, dramatic & very vivid live enactment which promises to be a truly powerful encounter of the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The team are taking their Special 10th year production to various local parishes during this season of Lent. **Entry is free**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: [www.gov.uk/eusetledstatus](http://www.gov.uk/eusetledstatus). Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: [www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme).

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

### CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Our Lenten Alms is for the Cardinal's Appeal. The money raised from the appeal will go towards the funding of Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation and Social Outreach within Civil Society. You can put your offering in the wall box by the sacristy or take a donation envelope and return the next time you are at Mass. See poster in porch.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Patrick Galligan RIP Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the McCarthy & McManamon Families RIP
Sun 1	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Eryn Fernandes in Thanksgiving Anto Renin Anthonyas RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Special Mass in Polish (Msza sw) People of the Parish
Mon 2	08.30 09.30	Eucharistic Adoration Celebrant's Intention
Tues 3	08.30 09.30	Eucharistic Adoration Marion Seal RIP
Wed 4	08.30 09.30	Eucharistic Adoration Michael Gilbert RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 5	08.30 09.30 18.00	Eucharistic Adoration Reed Fernandes in Birthday Thanksgiving Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary devotions
Fri 6	08.30 09.30 10.00 11.30- 15.30	Eucharistic Adoration Michael McDonnell RIP Stations of the Cross Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 7	10-11.00 11.00 11.00 12.00  12.30 13.00 17.00 18.00	Intercessory Day – Prayer Tower Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Patrick, Francisca & Raphael Omoniyodo and Winifred Williams – Birthday Intentions Stations of the Cross Baptism of Asher Jordan Sabado-Garcia Sacrament of Reconciliation Power Family Intentions
Sun 8	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	People of the Parish Denis Agbagwara RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Adrian "Laddie" Dender RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi in Thanksgiving		

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