

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Second Sunday of Lent

4th/5th March 2023



Year A, Volume 1 (Page 155): Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday 5 March – Third Sunday of Lent (Page 158): Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

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### Protecting your Privacy:

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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

### MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

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

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 3pm; Mass led by*

*Nigerian Chaplaincy 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2.30pm.*

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Dear Friends

The new is in the old concealed and the old is in the new revealed. To be honest I cannot remember who said that to me but I do remember being quite awestruck at this statement

Before we consider today's gospel could I ask you to remember that this wasn't the first time that the Son of God had spoken to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Moses was called up Mount Sinai to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the laws were given to him and in turn he gave them to give to the people (The Israelites). Elijah, was also called up that same mountain to meet with the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. He then encountered a strong wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a whisper, and he hid his face as the Lord spoke to him.

Today as we reflect upon the Transfiguration, we witness the Son of God, now in human form, allowing His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He spoke with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfilment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime. Additionally, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission that He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy.

In our 21st Century, Our Lord calls all of us to climb a spiritual mountain with Him so as to continue the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God. He will challenge us to others back to God, but don't worry as He also empowers us to fulfil that task.

Please reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make your Lenten journey up a mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfil the mission of God started long ago, concealed to us in the Old Testament and revealed to us in the New Testament.

Have a blessed week,

**Deacon Colin**

# LENT 2023 AT ST LAWRENCE'S



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am-9.25am and on Monday from 8.45-9.25am. Also on Saturday morning from 10.00am-10.45am and Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm-6.45pm **except** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## CONFESSION

Confession will be available on Saturday evening from 4.30-4.50pm.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 10.00am, Saturday at 11.30am and Wednesdays at 7.30pm (Polish).

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The CAFOD Family Fast Day collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please join us in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am and 11am Masses on 5<sup>th</sup> March for a cuppa and try your luck at the Tombola.

Also available in the porch are some CAFOD collection boxes which you can take home and fill with your loose change during Lent. Please return any filled boxes to the presbytery by 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you'd like to donate to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal – you can do so on CAFOD's website.

## PASSION PLAY

There will be a play here in Church on The Passion organised by the Youth of St Michael & St Martin's Church on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.

## PARISH PRAYER HOME VISIT

### LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

This year our Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal's Appeal and the next collection will be taken up on **Holy Thursday**. There will also be a Lenten Alms 'wall' box situated by the entrance to the sacristy. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

## CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way. To find out more or take part, go to: [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk).

*Aneta Oskerova from our parish is taking up the challenge and you can donate on <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/onetax> and read her updates on her progress*

## FLOWERS

**DO NOT** bring in flowers to decorate the altar or any of the statues or the side altars during Lent.

## CONFIRMATION

### WEEKEND OF 4/5 MARCH

The Confirmation Candidates will be participating in the Liturgy at all Masses – Reading, Greeting, Ushers, etc.

This participation in the Liturgy will take place on the first weekend of every month

### COFFEE MORNING

The Confirmation Candidates will be holding a Coffee morning on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, which is also Mother's Day. Proceeds from sales of cakes and teas/coffees will be put towards their forthcoming retreat.

### SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL

The Confirmation Candidates will be leading the Stations of the Cross after the 11am Mass.

## UCM

The group will meet on **Monday 6 March** in the Parish Centre.

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please look out for goods displaying the Fairtrade logo in local shops and supermarkets

# MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4	11.00am 5.00pm	Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP Power Family Intentions
* Sun 5	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Reed Fernandes – 13 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving Jeremiah O'Gorman RIP Brian Beagan RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Mon 6	8.15am 9.30am	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving to Fr John, Fr David and all parishioners from Sr Nora
Tues 7	9.30am 7.00pm	Aquino Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving Maria Nangombe, Sebastiao and Jose Fernandes Anjo RIP
Wed 8	9.30am	Jeremiah & Nora Whooley RIP
Thurs 9	9.30am	Doreen Hanrahan – 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving
Fri 10	9.30am	Diogo Dias RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 11	11.00am 5.00pm	Michael Gilbert RIP Patrick Ellis RIP
* Sun 12	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Surenthiram Family in Thanksgiving Kaiden Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving Patricia Heagney RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi in Thanksgiving		

## FIRE MARSHALLS

If you have not yet collected your Fire Marshall armband please see Rolly this weekend.

## REPOSITORY

We thank those who have volunteered to look after the Repository which will be open after the weekend Masses. Saturday 5pm – Patti Owen, Sunday 8am – Annie Burke, 9.30am – Victor Fernandes, 11am – Maria Wolanska and Delilah Fernandes. Weekdays: John/Cliffon/Florie.

## ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 13th May 2023** at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Parish Secretary the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

## BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION

As part of its Lenten devotions, Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform of J.S. Bach's St John Passion on **Thursday 16th March 2023** at 7.30pm. Parishioners of the diocese now have the opportunity to buy their tickets at a discount of 50%. Poster on noticeboard. Discounted tickets are available at:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=saint50john>. Please enter the password: SJP50 to obtain the discount.

## HOPE FOR A NEW BEGINNING – A WEEKEND FOR THE

**WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED** from 21 – 23 April 2023 at The Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX. Beginning Experience is a ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by a team of trained volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings which encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For further details please contact Freda: 01322 838415, Maura: 07795 498455 or [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

**25-26 February 2023**

Loose: £1,530.25 Envelopes: £211.00 **Total: £1,741.25**

Standing Orders January: **£3,866.60**

Youth Formation & Ministry: **£149.70** Cardinal's Appeal: **£421.08**

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