

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



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**16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Year B Vol 1:- Page 169: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Page 176: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1, 15:47

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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: 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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## We wish to See Jesus.

This simple question in today's gospel reading echoes down through the centuries to us today. There are many who wish to see Jesus. This very quote is one that is often written on church pulpits, not for the congregation to see, but for the preacher, to remind us of why one comes to worship. You wish to see Jesus. We all wish to see Jesus.

Those who first asked this famous question were the Greeks, we are told in this reading. They were not expecting a Messiah, in other words. But they had heard of this man, Jesus, and wanted to see him for themselves. They had no doubt heard that Jesus had recently raised Lazarus from the dead, the last and perhaps greatest of the miracles that he performed. They had surely heard about Jesus' recent triumphal entry into Jerusalem, on the day which we will celebrate next week as Palm Sunday. So, naturally, they wanted to see Jesus for themselves. Who wouldn't? But there is no record of the Greeks getting to see Jesus that day.

Instead, this request initiated a conversation, between Jesus and his disciples about his upcoming death.

"Falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." There is, however, something we do not talk about - Death. Yes, we acknowledge death when it happens, but for the most part we do not talk about death with any real depth or substance, and certainly no enthusiasm. We don't deal with it. We deny it. We ignore it. We avoid it. No one wants to die.

We don't really acknowledge and talk about it. We do not deal with death. The death of our loved ones is too real, too painful. Our own death is too scary. The relationships and parts of our lives that have died are too difficult. So, for the most part, we just avoid the topic of death. Besides, it's a downer in a culture that mostly wants to be happy, feel good, and avoid realities.

Our Gospel for today is very wonderful because it talks about life and death. In every death, there is life -this is the true meaning of Lent, and of Easter. The grain of wheat will die and go through death to nourish us with an abundance of food. In the death of relationships, of health, of faith, and all that may be dear to us, there is always the invitation to something deeper beyond life. In our final death is the call to everlasting life. It is the new beginning that will never end. We all will die someday, and I know we are all scared about it. Who isn't? But we keep going, and we put our confidence to our creator.

Have a blessed week.

**Deacon Rolly**

**The Holy Week/Easter Schedule is available in the porch**

## LENT AT ST LAWRENCE'S



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Monday to Friday from 8.30am-9.25am. Also on Saturday morning from 9.30am-10.45am.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

The Confirmation Group will lead the Stations of the Cross on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March after the 11am Mass.

### SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUP

This Monday will be the last of the small faith-sharing group in the Presbytery after the 9.30am Mass. It lasts 45 minutes to an hour and led by a member of the Pastoral Team.

### PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group meet on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** for Worship and Prayer in the Parish Centre from 6.15-7.45pm.

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, please we encourage you to help hardworking people like James, the fisherman from Liberia, to find good fishing spots and return home safely. The collection is open until 28<sup>th</sup> March. Collection boxes are available in the porch or donate online.

### CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

Father John will be leading a Walk every **Wednesday from 21<sup>st</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> March** visiting a local cemetery, recite the rosary and walk back. This starts with a prayer by the Grotto at 10.30am and finish at the end of the walk at the Grotto with a prayer followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Centre. This week we walk to Bedfont Cemetery.

Please take an envelope from the porch to sponsor our walkers. We ask if your donation could be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support

### 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 **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.

### LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. The next. Collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday.

### YOUTH CAKE SALE

The Confirmation Youth will be having a cake sale with tea and coffee on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** after the 9.30am & 11.00am Masses. Please go into the Parish Centre after Mass and support them.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Zayne, Naveya, Fayden, Ozias, Rayelle, Evanora and Liam who were baptised in February and offer our congratulations to their parents and families.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

**Confirmation Group 2** will meet on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 6.30pm. The FHC children meet on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** at 3.15pm and the Walk with Jesus group meet on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March** after the 9.30am Mass.

### PLANNED GIVING BOXES

If you use the Planned Giving envelopes for your offertory, please collect your new box from the Parish Office.

### TEDDS CLUB - !!URGENT!!

Tedds Club are **urgently** looking for cover with the After School Club Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm. The position is during school term time only. Please call Sarah Allfree on 07971 994669 if you are interested.

### ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 25th May 2024 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 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish secretary the following details: husband and wife's names, church of marriage, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

## EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Easter hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies – something for everyone in the family!

The Draw will take place on **24<sup>th</sup> March** after the 11am Mass.

Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5.00.

Funds raised to date: £457.30

Proceeds towards the Church Maintenance Fund

*Please do not ask for a single ticket as the minimum sale is £1 per strip of 5 tickets*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16	11.00am	Edward Amana RIP
	5.00pm	Folake Mildred Ahonse RIP
✱ Sun 17	8.00am	Killian Collins RIP
	9.30am	Deceased members of the D'Souza Family RIP
	11.00am	Deceased members of the Early Family RIP
	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass in Malayalam
Mon 18	9.30am	Antonio Vaz – Birthday Thanksgiving
Tues 19	9.30am	Diana Amanda Fernandes – 21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 20	9.30am	Fr Gerry Burke RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 21	9.30am	James Santhiago RIP
Fri 22	9.30am	Caetano Vicente De Souza (Pele) RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
	11.00am	REQUIEM MASS – MARIAN RANALLI RIP
	7.00pm	PASSION PLAY
Sat 23	11.00am	Rose Da Silva Aves RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
	3.00pm	Mass in Tagalog
	5.00pm	Birilo Camilo Gomes RIP
	7.00pm	Mass in Ukrainian
✱ Sun 24	8.00am	Geoffrey Waldmeyer RIP
	9.30am	Deceased members of the Fernandes Family RIP
	11.00am	In Thanksgiving the Henry Family
	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Sanctuary Lamp: Luis D'Souza RIP		

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Marian Ranalli RIP, Pam O'Connor RIP, Sylvia D'Mello RIP, Alberta Ama Ampah RIP and Rina Rotundo RIP.**

**Marian Ranalli RIP** – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.00am** followed by cremation at Hanworth Crematorium at 12.40pm.

**Pam O'Connor RIP** – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.**

Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

## FRIENDS CIRCLE (FORMER UCM)

The newly formed Friends Circle will meet on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** in the Presbytery at 12.30pm. There will be demonstration on making an Easter arrangement. New members welcome.

## ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL...

Are pleased to announce that the Primary and Secondary schools have received an outstanding Ofsted.

## EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for Easter Flowers as you leave Church this weekend. Thanks to those who gave generously last week.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

9/10 Mar: Loose: £1,412.96 Envelopes: £228.55 **Total: £1,641.51**



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