

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Third Sunday of Lent



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19th/20th March 2022



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 160): Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalm 102;

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Page 168): Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Dear Friends,

I realise that I have said this many times, but being a Christian is challenging and being a Catholic Christian is particularly challenging. Throughout the year there is no more challenging time to us than our personal Lenten journey.

Today's readings seem particularly relevant at this moment in Lent, as they tell us of the journey of the Israelites through the wilderness. What I find particularly interesting, isn't that the readings take us back to the Old Testament and Israel's venture through the wilderness, but the failure of the Israelites in the wilderness. Quite frankly they were consumed by the wilderness. Even though they had a spiritual baptism, and had eaten the spiritual food and drunk the spiritual drink they still desired evil. Contrast this to the fig tree in today's gospel which gives us a tip on how to really cultivate our lives in Christ and how to be victorious when we feel defeated and down.

As I said at the beginning, being a Catholic Christian is particularly challenging and today's readings confirm that it certainly is. Sometimes we are all like the Israelites on their journey through the desert. We have been gifted every advantage in our lives with the Eucharist and scripture and of course all the churches teaching, but somehow we are left barren, or to put it another way, we don't bear fruit in our own lives. So when Luke vividly illustrates for us the parable of the fig tree, remember that in nurturing and cultivating the fig tree he is giving the fig tree an opportunity to bear fruit. That is mercy and grace, and during this Lenten season if you feel like you are fruitless and what's the use? Please don't give up, continue to go to the Lord and cultivate that life in Christ by prayer, by going to Mass, receive the sacrament of reconciliation and spend some time examining your own heart. We have every advantage given to us in all of the gifts of the church, we do have the real food in the Eucharist, we have been baptised into Christ, original sin is dealt with, and we have the virtues of faith hope and charity, we are fully equipped!!

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

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

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after Mass for 2 Easter Hampers to be won, the proceeds of which will be for our Parish Ukrainian Appeal Fund.

Tickets £1.00 for a strip or 6 strips for £5.00

Please remember the clocks go forward by one hour next Saturday. Remember to change your clocks and devices if they do not do so automatically.



LENT 2022 AT ST LAWRENCE'S



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday to Friday at 9.00am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 10.30am, Saturday at 11.30pm and Wednesdays at 7.30pm (Polish).



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for your generosity last weekend – the collection so far including Gift Aid was £1,227.12. There is still time to donate – the collection will be open all of Lent or you can donate by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent). If you had taken a box, please return any filled boxes to the presbytery.

PASSION PLAY

There will be a play here in Church on The Passion organised by the Sports & Cultural Society of St Michael & St Martin's Church on **Friday 1st April at 7.30pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.



POLISH COMMUNITY

Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 9th April** starting at 7pm then concluding with Mass at 8pm.

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 is also a Lenten Alms 'wall' box situated by the steps to Our Lady's shrine/candles.



INVOLVEMENT IN PARISH ACTIVITIES

Further to the recent mentions in the newsletter regarding the re-opening of activities here at St Lawrence, we are looking at putting together a group of parishioners who may be interested in fund raising for the parish. Previously we've held tea/coffee mornings, international food gatherings, Passover meal, seniors party, barbecues and more. We believe this is a great way for us to interact with others in our parish community. If it is something that you have been involved with in the past or would like to now, please contact Cathy Early on 07713 983485. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

On the recommendation of the Diocese, this year we have only renewed boxes for those donors who were active with their donations in the last couple of years. If you do not have a box could you please consider setting up a standing order to support the parish. Forms are available in the porch or speak to Fr John or Fr Joseph for more clarification.

NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Those sitting on the Baptismal Font side of the church and by the side aisle on Our Lady side of the church will be ushered first to come through the back and down the central aisle and go back through the side aisles. Next will be those sitting on both sides of the nave coming through the central aisle and going back to their seats through the side aisles. **PLEASE** wait for the stewards to call you up. For those in the porch and choir loft the arrangement remains the same but please remain in your places and a Minister will come to you.

UCM

The next meeting of the UCM is on **Monday 21st March** at 7.30pm

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Volunteers needed this Lent! Can you offer an hour a week and your prayers this Lent to help unborn babies and their families? Please see the poster at the back of Church for more details.

CATHOLICS IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE: ETHICS AND PRACTICE

A training day organised by St Mary's University. Would you like to explore the unique contribution that faith makes to the health and social care sector? Are you interested in learning about the ethical challenges work in this sector may bring? Dates: 2 April - 11.30am-4.45pm St Patrick's Catholic Church, 21a Soho Square, London W1D 4NR. Register: stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/04/catholics-in-health-and-social-care Cost £20. 14 May - 11.30am-4.45pm online via Zoom. Cost: free Register: stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/05/catholics-in-health-and-social-care

THANK YOU FROM HELEN HURLEY

A very successful Coffee Morning raising an amazing sum of £1,420.00. Thank you for your support especially to the helpers. May God Bless you all.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER

Please see notice board for information, workshops and events taking place during Lent and an opportunity to volunteer.

FORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

The Diocese is offering a time of formation for Confirmation catechists, **Preparing Teenagers for Confirmation – an Introduction**, on **Saturday 26th March from 10.30am-1.30pm** at the Parish Centre, Our Lady of Sorrows and St Bridget of Sweden, Memorial Square, 112 Twickenham Road, Isleworth, TW7 6DL. Please see notice board for further details. Booking for the session should be made via email to Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 2nd April 2022** in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. **Venue:** Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. **Register** by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY AT ST LAWRENCE

The Ukrainian Community are appealing for help either by prayer, monetary gifts or donations of clothes and other items. They will be putting up a list of items required on the notice board. It is a very distressing time for them with so many having loved ones in Ukraine who are in constant danger.

PARKING ON CHURCH PREMISES

The Parking Bays on the Church Premises are for Disabled Badge Holders only. Please display your badge clearly on the dashboard. The access way is for drop off only and not parking. This is applicable on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Funerals, Weddings and other such special occasions. Parking is available at Tesco, Feltham Leisure West and on Sundays limited parking in the school.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

To donate to Mr Duggan and Mrs Thompson fundraising appeal go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leo-duggan>

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Judith Pinlac, Mary Orlinda De Lima (Linda), Brian Deagan, Jean Reed, Charles David Annan, Robert Alan Clark, Sally-Anne Gutcher, John Murray, Joan Shaza and Maria Simon** who passed away recently.

- **Robert Alan Clark RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Monday 21st March 2022 at 11.30am**

- **Jean Reed RIP** – Her funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium (Ogden Chapel) on **Monday 28th March at 11.30am**.

Brian Deagan RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 30th March at 12noon**.

- **Mary Orlinda De Lima (Linda) RIP** – Her funeral will take place at Feltham Cemetery on **Monday 4th April at 11.30am**.

We also keep in our prayers their families and all who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 19 | 11am 5.00pm | Maureen McParland RIP Manuel Vincent & Etelvina Dias RIP |
| Sun 20 | 8am 9.30am 11am | Rachel Sinclair (Intention) Fr Gerry Burke RIP (3 rd Anniversary) Danuta Holyst & Aneta Mackowska (Intentions) |
| Mon 21 | 10am 11.30am | Birilo Camilo Gomes RIP – Birthday Remembrance REQUIEM – ROBERT ALAN CLARK RIP |
| Tues 22 | 10am | Ann Bagnall RIP |
| Wed 23 | 10am | Daphne D'Mello RIP |
| Thurs 24 | 10am | Anna Liza Limenco in Thanksgiving |
| Fri 25 | 10am | Edna Joan Smith RIP (First Anniversary) |
| Sat 26 | 11am 5.00pm | Adelina Menezes RIP Bridget McDonagh RIP |
| Sun 27 | 8am 9.30am 11am | Jesus Nogollos RIP Mario Pereira RIP Paul, Francesca & Raphael Omoniyodu in Birthday Thanksgiving |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Steer RIP | | |

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