

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

The Green, Feltham, TW13 4AF



0208 890 2367

email: feltham@rcdow.org.uk

web: www.saintlawrences.org.uk

Facebook Group: [St Lawrences RC Church, Feltham](https://www.facebook.com/StLawrencesRCChurchFeltham)

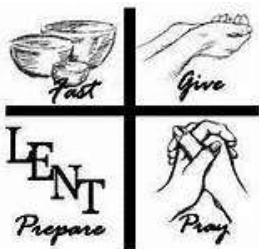


Fifth Sunday of Lent

20th/21st March 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30

Next Week: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 15:1-39



Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth
and dies, it remains
just a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

Dear Friends

On Thursday this week we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. This year it falls towards the end of Passiontide, just a few days before Palm Sunday. Passiontide is that second part of Lent where our journey towards Holy Week moves from the desert and accompanies Our Lord on His journey to Jerusalem, culminating in the great events of Holy Week and the Triduum. Our Lady was certainly part of that journey, although she is silent, rather like St Joseph whose feast we celebrated last week. The silence should not suggest indifference or inactivity – far from it. We remember her injunction to the servants at the Wedding Feast at Cana “Do whatever He tells you”.

This obedience to Our Lord and God’s Will on Our Lady’s part is beautifully expressed in the Gospel passage of the Annunciation. “I am the handmaid of the Lord... let what you have said be done to me”. This is the ultimate “blank cheque”. It doesn’t mean to say that Our Lady wasn’t apprehensive or just followed God without thinking. The same Gospel passage records that Mary was “deeply disturbed” and that after the Angel’s message she asks “how can this be”? Here we see Mary as both full of grace, but still very human and possessed of a capacity to think, to question. It suggests a relationship with God, borne of much prayer and awareness of Him.

As we move towards Easter and the lengthening spring we can look to Mary as our model and guide. She knew what it was to suffer – especially perhaps at the foot of the Cross. In these still challenging times, especially for those still in hospital in our parish and those mourning loved ones, particularly those with whom they were unable to spend time, due to the regulations, we can turn to Mary, our Mother, Mother of the church and Queen of the Family and offer this prayer, the *Memorare*:

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother;
to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful;
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not our petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer them. Amen.*

I wish you a blessed week. Let’s pray for each other

Fr John Louis

REMINDER: Please remember to leave the Church promptly at the end of Mass. You should not mix outside church and you are encouraged to go straight home after Mass

MASS TIMES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Church only
- Sunday 9am and 11am Church and the Parish Centre
- On Saturdays there will be Confessions at 10.30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and on request.
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in Church at 11.00am with limited numbers

Parish Team

Parish Priest:

Fr. John Byrne

Mobile: 0787 905 8732

Email: johnbyrne@rcdow.org.uk

Assistant Priest:

Fr John Louis Tabor

Email: johnlouis@rcdow.org.uk

Deacon:

Rev. Colin Macken

Email: colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Secretary:

Florie Fernandes

(Florie working from home due to shielding)

Parish Sisters:

Sr. Mary O’Malley, Sr. Nora

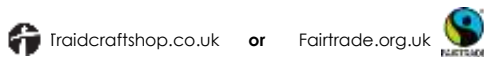
Gorman, Sr. Katherine O’Reilly

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

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732



Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

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



PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES

The services this year have been streamlined in compliance with the virus stay safe rules. Please note that during the Triduum you will only be able to attend **ONE** of the services on the three days. If the service you wanted to come to is full, try another day. This is the only way we can get as many parishioners to attend Church at this time. You are encouraged to watch the Triduum Services online www.churchservices.tv.

DAY OF REFLECTION – TUESDAY 23 MARCH

Tuesday 23rd March marks the first anniversary of the corona virus lockdown. The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have urged the faithful to make the National Day of Reflection on COVID-19 a Day of Prayer as well as a Day of Reflection. We are also invited to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (online or in Church). At 8pm people are encouraged to create a beacon of remembrance on their doorsteps by beaming phones, candles and torches into the night sky. There will also be a minute's silence at midday.

PALM SUNDAY

Next weekend marks the start of Holy Week. This year there will be no procession on the Green. Masses will be at 5pm on Saturday in Church and at 9am and 11am in Church and the Parish Centre. Palms will be blessed at the start of Mass and distributed as you leave Church and the Parish Centre.

CHRISM MASS AT THE WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate the Chrism Mass with 150 Priests, some Religious and Lay Faithful in Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday 30th March at 12.00 noon**. Due to the ongoing pandemic and the attendant coronavirus safety protocols, physical participation in this ceremony is limited to only the registered participants. However, everybody is encouraged to join in the livestreaming of this year's Chrism Mass, and also praying for the end of the pandemic.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Copies of the Lenten Meditations on the Stations of the Cross are available at the back of Church. Also available on our website. Please take a copy. Here are some links to type in "praying the Stations of the Cross" and there is a vast selection including websites that offer the Stations of the Cross: www.churchservices.tv (Westminster Cathedral on Fridays at 18.05); www.youtube.com (in the search engine Children's Stations and in ethnic languages).

LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

This year our Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal's Appeal and a collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for your generosity last weekend. The collection will be open until the end of March, in case you weren't able to leave your donation last week. CAFOD envelopes are available as you leave Church.

Bidding Prayers for the week:

Let us come before God our Father in faith and hope, asking him to listen to our needs and those of our suffering world.

- **We pray for the Church:** that he may continue to guide us with courage and wisdom and his own aspiring example.
- **We pray that those in civil governance** will dedicate themselves to justice, peace, freedom, and the generous defence of the poor.
- **We pray for those who suffer or feel rejected, or are wounded in body, mind or spirit:** may the example of Christ's acceptance of suffering help them find comfort in their uncertainties and struggles.
- **We pray that our own parish community** will grow in holiness so that we will always love one another with perfect charity.
- **We pray for those facing loss of any kind:** may we listen to their pain, support them in their anxieties and offer them hope and love in their need.
- **For people who are sick and feel they are a burden,** for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

- **For all the faithful departed:** that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

Father, in your compassion and love accept our prayers and grant what we need, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CENSUS 2021

This year, the Census takes place on **Sunday 21st March** and should be completed on that date or as soon as possible after. The census must be completed by law or you could be fined up to £1,000. To complete the survey, please visit www.census.gov.uk and enter the unique access code received by your household at the beginning of March. Paper questionnaires can be requested if preferred. For more information or help, visit www.census.gov.uk or call 0800 141 2021.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Anyone wishing to book in a baptism please contact Fr. John on his mobile 0787 905 8732

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020/2021

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2020 and is not attending a Catholic School please email theresafernandes@aol.com for a registration form. This year classes will be by zoom.

RCIA COURSE 2020-21

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, either as an enquirer or a "returner", then the "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course is for you!! For more information please contact me by email johnabor@rcdow.org.uk. Fr John Louis

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Thomas Moran** and all those who have passed away recently.

Thomas Moran RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here at 11am on **Wednesday, 24th March**. Maximum 30 people allowed to attend.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20	11am 5pm	Jamie Mendes & deceased Family RIP Fr Gerry Burke RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
Sun 21	9am 9am 11am 11am	People of the Parish [C] People of the Parish [PC] Franciose Wood (Special Intention) [C] Kazimierz Kalinowski RIP (8 th Ann.) [PC]
Mon 22	11am	Olga Ferreira & deceased Family RIP
Tues 23	11am	Agostinho Reis & deceased Family RIP
Wed 24	11am	REQUIEM MASS – THOMAS MORAN RIP
Thurs 25	11am	Teresa O'Brien RIP
Fri 26	11am	Julia Reidy RIP
Sat 27	11am 5pm	Francisca, Paul & Raphael B' day Int Edmund Gonsalves RIP
Sun 28	9am 9am 11am 11am	Holy Souls [C] People of the Parish [PC] Holy Souls [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: Lawrence Byrne RIP		

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course (based on Jeff Cavin's Catholic Bible Study) delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7th April 2021** at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS are recruiting for MFL and Maths teacher roles from September 2021. Further details on the website or please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk for information.

PLANNED GIVING 2021-22

Thank you to all the Parishioners that collected their Planned Giving envelope boxes for 2020-2021 or who have set up a Standing Order account. It is greatly appreciated. Boxes will not be issued to those who had not collected their boxes for 2020-21. If you would like to continue to donate through Planned Giving Envelopes, please fill in a new form, or you can set up a Standing Order account, details below. If you are a gift aider and giving your offertory donation via the weekly envelopes why not consider giving by standing order.

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS