

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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



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It is a very human reaction to blame others. We all do it. The first recorded sin includes it – Eve blames the snake, and Adam blames Eve. Even if we are not involved, we think that being able to say who is at fault in a situation – personal, social or political – will give us a sort of superiority of insight. We stand aloof, and blame other people and even God.

This Sunday's readings challenge this view. In the first reading God is shown as compassionate, desiring to deliver his people. The psalm echoes this – 'the Lord is compassion and love'. The Gospel extends the compassion of God to include suffering caused by natural disasters, referring to a tower that collapsed, killing eighteen people. Such events are out of our control. However, **it is** in our power to choose to turn to God every day – this is truly what 'life' consists of: receiving God's love and forgiveness every day, and sharing it.

This is the foundation of our faith, that the goodness of God is deeper than any human tragedy or loss. The recent enormous devastation and suffering in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi challenge our faith. But it is also an invitation to affirm that God is, as the first reading states, 'I AM', the God who, before all ages, knew he would send his Son, share our sufferings, and in return, share his own life with us. Ultimately, we will all die a natural death as sinners, but accepting our own need for forgiveness, and turning to God, we experience life that is everlasting.

*Lord, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart, and receive your acceptance of me.*

*Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.*

*Help me grow in discipline and generosity this Lent by giving the friendly smile and helping hand; sharing forgiveness by kind words, and generous thoughts.*

*Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen.*

God Bless  
**Dr Jordan Pullicino**

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

### 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).

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## FR GERRY BURKE RIP

Parish Priest 1998-2009

It is with great sadness we announce the death on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March of Fr Gerry. Fr Gerry completed 59 years of priesthood on 12 March 2019. Fr John presented him with a card signed by parishioners which he was so pleased to receive. We thank God for Fr Gerry's life and ministry and pray for the repose of his soul. Our deepest sympathy to his family, friends and parish family.

## SACRAMENTS

### SUNDAY AND TUESDAY GROUPS

The Sunday Group will next meet on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at 10am in St Lawrence's School for their First Holy Communion preparation.

The next class for the Tuesday Group will be on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY GROUPS

The next meeting for First Holy Communion will be on **March 30<sup>th</sup>**, 4.30pm, in the school hall, followed by 6pm Mass.

### CONFIRMATION

The next preparation Class for Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

## PARISH NOTICES

*Dear Friends*

*Your words of sympathy and kindness on the death of my brother Larry last weekend were very much appreciated by my family and myself. His Requiem Mass took place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. I will celebrate Mass for your intentions. Thank you so much. Fr. John*

### MOVIE AFTERNOON – Sister Act 2

Thank you to all who supported the event and for your generosity. A sum of just over £341.00 was raised. A fun and enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

### YOUTH OUTREACH (Yo!)

The next Youth Outreach day will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March** when a small team of young people from the St Lawrence's Youth Outreach (Yo!) will visit the sick, housebound and elderly. Interested?

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Fr Peter will give a talk on his life and work in Brazil. Do come and enjoy this very interesting evening.

### A LENTEN REFLECTION: THE CROSS OF CHRIST, THE TREE OF LIFE

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**, 4.30 – 5.30pm, in the Parish Centre  
You are warmly invited to attend an illustrated Lenten reflection with Jordan Pullicino. Refreshments will be served. Any donations received will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund.

### COLLECTION OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

**PLEASE** collect your Offertory Box from a table at the **front of the Baptismal Font at all the weekend Masses until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. It would be a great help if you could remember your number when you come to collect your box. It will make it easier for the person giving out the boxes.

### CHURCH CLEANING

An appeal to all men and women, who have an hour or so to spare, to help with Church cleaning on a Wednesday morning after Mass.

### NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING 2019

The dates and times that Fr John and Fr Peter will be available to see families are:

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 9.30am to 10.30am**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am to 10.30am**

To make an appointment please put your name on one of the lists on the noticeboard in the Church porch. Make sure you bring your child with you for the appointment, along with their Baptism Certificate and the Certificate of Catholic Practice

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the souls of **Fr Gerry Burke RIP, Lily Jones RIP, Nicoline Tomassi RIP, Shirley Ebert (Mark) RIP, Rita Martin RIP, Kevin Thomson RIP, Larry Byrne RIP (Fr John's brother) and Gregory Kinnear RIP (Fr Peter's uncle)**. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. Their funerals will take place:

**NICOLINE TOMASSI RIP** – Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**

**SHIRLEY EBERT (MARK) RIP** – Requiem Mass here on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10.00am**. This is the parish Mass that day.

**KEVIN THOMSON RIP** – Requiem Mass here on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am**.

Funeral details for Fr Gerry and Rita Martin will be announced shortly.

## OTHER

### APPEAL FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

Please continue to support St Lawrence's School when shopping at Tesco's. Collect your blue token at the till every time you shop and place in the voting box. Voting takes place 1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) and will be at our **church until 11.00am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** to collect them all. Put your clothing /bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up. Amazingly 3 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education

### CAFOD

Thank you for your generosity, the money collected last weekend was £2,085.74 plus gift aid. The collection will remain open until the end of Lent.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Don Wilson RIP (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the McCarthy & McManamon Families RIP
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Antonia Maria Da Costa RIP (Anniversary) Sean Keaveney RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Fr Gerry Burke RIP
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Sr Josephine Deviney in Birthday Thanksgiving
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Lourdes D'Souza in Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Francisca, Paul, Raphael & Winifred Omoniyodo in Birthday Thanksgiving
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	09.30 10.00	Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP Stations of the Cross
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 13.15 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Holy Souls RIP Stations of the Cross Baptisms of Cedrine Martin and Tristan Denzil Sacrament of Reconciliation Lawrence Byrne RIP
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Patricia McNelis RIP Veronica Quainoo in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Michael Poke RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased members of the Hawkings Family RIP

### Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

16-17 March: Envelopes £733.90 Loose £1,193.68  
Standing Orders £824.25 **Total £2,751.83**