

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1:** Page 168: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Lent:** Page: 176: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



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Today the Church offers us a little respite from the 'long haul' that Lent can become. Citing the prophet Isaiah, the Entrance Antiphon invites us to 'rejoice', so this day is called 'Laetare (rejoice) Sunday'. Our reason for rejoicing is, because the Saviour is in sight.

Indeed, Lent is almost over, and soon we shall 'taste and see that the Lord is good' at Easter when we celebrate with feasting and joy. Food is quite a feature in today's readings too (can you spot them?). Most strikingly the Gospel parable of the Prodigal Son presents feasting as something that also discloses division and broken relationship. The elder son refuses to join his repentant brother, and generous father.

What he lacks is a 'humble and contrite heart' (Isaiah 66:2) which the prophet identifies as necessary to be able to receive the blessings of God symbolised by feasting. In contrast, he tries to hold the father to account for what he believes he is 'owed' as a good and dutiful son.

This is a good lesson for us: if we have had a 'good Lent', by keeping our intentions to fasting and prayer we can remind ourselves that we have not thereby 'earned' any reward. And if we have, like the younger son, squandered the riches of this season, and can only come empty handed before God today, we can take heart that he 'sees us while we are still far off', and will run to embrace us. That, indeed, is cause to rejoice.

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 Died: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL:** 5.00pm – Vespers; 6.00pm – Reception of Fr Gerry into Church followed by a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop John Wilson; 9.45pm – Compline.

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** 12.00noon – Requiem Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Private Burial – Family only

At Fr Gerry's request – no flowers or floral tributes but donations to CAFOD via Lodge Brothers, Feltham. There will also be a basket at the back of Church for your donations.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Cedrine Martin and Tristan Denzil who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY GROUPS

The next meeting for First Holy Communion will be on **April 27<sup>th</sup>**, 4.30pm, in the school hall, followed by 6pm Mass.

### CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Group will be away on their Weekend Retreat from **5-7 April**. Please keep them in your prayer.

## PARISH NOTICES

### PARKING –1<sup>st</sup> APRIL-5<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**This week is a busy week for funerals. On Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday afternoon 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April the Church car park will be closed to all parishioners. The school car park is NOT available on Wednesday evening. No disabled access either.**

### 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.

### SACRED HEART DEVOTION

With great joy, St Lawrence Parish is happy to bring to its community the Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus every first Friday of each month, **starting 5<sup>th</sup> April**.

After the 9:30 Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8pm to give time for all parishioners to drop in at their leisure to have an hour or two with our LORD. In the event of a funeral Mass, Exposition will follow soon after.

### 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.

### NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING 2019

Fr John and Fr Peter will be available to see families **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am to 10.30am**. To make an appointment please put your name on one of the list 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

### LINE DANCING

**The Line Dancing session on 1<sup>st</sup> April has been cancelled.** We are going to take a break as numbers have dwindled dramatically. In order to keep the class going we need a minimum of 10 people to attend each session. If you wish the Line Dancing Classes to continue, please contact Florie in the Parish Office.

### CAFOD FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

There will be **no** Coffee Morning on **5<sup>th</sup> April** due to the funeral.

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the souls of **Fr Gerry Burke RIP, Rita Martin RIP, Shirley Ebert (Mark) RIP, Kevin Thomson RIP, Michael Chuyeo RIP, Terence Walter John Kelly RIP and John Hines RIP**. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. Their funerals will take place:

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

**TERENCE WALTER JOHN KELLY RIP** – Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 12.20pm** in the Jamieson Chapel.

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

**RITA MARTIN RIP** – Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm** in the Jamieson Chapel.

**JOHN HINES RIP** – Requiem Mass here on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11am**.

## 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

With only one week to go before Mary's Meals will be at our church, until 11am, on the morning of **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows please). 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. **The cut off time is 10.30am.**

Mary's Meals is a no frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on governance.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30- 09.30 10.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer REQUIEM MASS – SHIRLEY MARK EBERT RIP
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09.30	Siobhan Castello RIP
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09.30 17.00 18.00  21.45	Joan Keightley RIP (Anniversary) Vespers RECEPTION OF FR GERRY BURKE RIP FOLLOWED BY MASS Compline
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	09.30 12.00	Alex Soares RIP (Anniversary) REQUIEM MASS – FR GERRY BURKE RIP
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	09.30  10.30 12.00- 20-00	Dermod Murphy RIP NO Stations of the Cross REQUIEM MASS – KEVIN THOMSON RIP Devotion to the Sacred Heart with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation John Igboanugo Junior RIP (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the Kenny & Hypher Families RIP
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	May Shannon & Alice Fitzpatrick RIP Sean Keaveney RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Gregory Kinnear RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Francisca Williams in Thanksgiving		

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

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