

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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31st Sunday of the Year

2nd/3rd November 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 157: Wisdom 11:22, 12:2; Psalm 144;

2 Thessalonians 1:11, 2:2; Luke 19:1-10

Next Week: 32nd Sunday of the Year: Page: 160: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 16; 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 3:5;

Luke 20:27-38



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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

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

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Eternal Rest

Remembrance of the Holy Souls
during the month of November

This week's Gospel is familiar to us all as a story of repentance, and the generous love of Jesus when he meets Zacchaeus, the greedy tax collector. This is how I present the story to our First Holy Communion children, to prepare them for the sacrament of Reconciliation. However, in the light of recent events in the Church, I suggest we can also read this story from another perspective, and enlarge what it says to us.

This past month, a synod of the bishops of Latin America has been held in Rome. It has been called the 'Amazon Synod'. The focus of the Synod was on the rights and pastoral needs of indigenous people, and also on ecological problems, especially the destruction of the rainforest.

Uniquely, the discussion of the pastoral needs of people – many of whom cannot receive the sacraments for months or even years, because of the scarcity of priests, and huge distances to be covered – was placed within the context of the environmental crisis. The stark realities of the relatedness of spirituality, spiritual care and the environment are evident.

The deliberate destruction of God's creation is a sin. The world is not a morally neutral context in which we humans act. We are related to it intimately, as we too are created by God, and exist in and through its being: we breathe, eat and live in lands and seas that are God's first, and ours by gift.

Returning to Zacchaeus: as a taxman his relationship to his fellow townspeople was exploitative. He took much more than he needed, and more than they could afford to give. He wrecked their lives, ruptured his relationship to them, and damaged his own soul in the process. The implication is that what we do to people can either build or wreck our relations with them. By extension, our relation to the world, to all that God has given us to cherish, also depends on our respecting it, and never exploiting it.

What can we do? Clearly, the greed that drives exploitation is destructive. Let us choose to live simply. Let us see if we, like Zacchaeus can re-connect with others and our world, by paying back what we owe.

Dr Jordan

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Lia Silveira, Freya Brooke Vidot and Tristan Luis Antonio Fernandes who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 5th November** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION 2020

The next Confirmation Class for Candidates is on **Thursday 7th November** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 9th November at 10am** in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

NOVEMBER LISTS

Available at the back of Church, please fill in and place in the basket at the foot of the altar.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr John, Fr John Louis and Deacon Colin will be available on **Sunday 3rd November** to pray over and bless the graves of parishioners buried in local cemeteries. If you would like to have the grave of a loved one blessed, just turn up and wait at your loved one's grave for one of the priests. The Schedule is displayed on the notice board.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – HELP NEEDED

Could you help on Remembrance Sunday, **10th November**, to set up the Parish Centre, prepare and serve refreshments (soft drinks, tea and biscuits) and tidy up afterwards? If so, please put your name on the list in the porch and come to the Parish Centre at 1.30pm to get everything ready before the service at Feltham War Memorial. The parade will set off at 2.40pm from St Lawrence's School Car Park onto Victoria Road and along the High Street to the War Memorial for the service.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE RECENTLY BEREAVED

On **Sunday 10th November** at 6pm we shall be celebrating a special Mass to pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners, who have died over the past year and to pray for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving. The Bereavement Support Group will be providing refreshments in the Parish Centre and a listening ear after Mass.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 4th November** at 7.30pm for their AGM. We are encouraged to attend and vote for a committee for the following twelve months. We then enjoy the rest of the evening in general enjoyment.

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A day for catechists and anyone interested. This is a half-day course to equip us to prepare children for this sacrament. The day will run from 2pm to 5pm on **Saturday 9th November**, in the Parish Centre. It will be led by Anna Dupelycz, a Catechesis Advisor to the Diocese, and at the invitation of Jordan Pullicino. This is a great opportunity for catechists to increase their formation, and for parents to accompany their children's growth in faith. The day is free, and tea and coffee will be served.

SAFEGUARDING IN THE CHURCH TODAY

There are copies at the back of Church of a Statement from Cardinal Vincent which he has written following recent meetings. The Cardinal asks that we keep in our prayers all those involved in the IICSA hearings, and, more importantly, those who live daily with the consequences of abuse, particularly in the coming weeks.

CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYING WITH CHILDREN.

For catechists and all those who are interested. A two-evening course **Monday 25th November and Monday 9th December**, at 7.30 – 9pm in the Parish Centre. This is offered by Anna Dupelycz, a Catechesis Advisor to the Diocese, and invited by Jordan to

support our catechists and parents. This is free, and refreshments will be served.

SERVICE FOR THE UNBORN

Friday November 29th, 7pm. Service for the Unborn. A short service remembering our unborn children, all those, who, for whatever reason, died before birth.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED.

St Lawrence Catholic School is looking for dedicated individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of the children in our Parish. Governors play an important role as members of the school's governing body. The governors also oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure the budget is well spent. Governors do not need any formal qualifications but must be aged 18 years and over. The term of office is 4 years and the school has high expectations of the time and commitment required from its governors in order to fulfil their roles effectively. If you would like more details, please contact either the school office or Mr Michael Fatyga our Chair for more details. If there are more applications than vacancies, then there will be an election by secret ballot paper. Applicants will be invited to provide a brief statement of not more than 150 words giving reasons why they are standing and voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure. Please see noticeboard for a fuller brief.



ADVENT FAYRE

On **Sunday 24th Nov** we are planning to hold an Advent Fayre 10am - 3pm. We need your help please. If you would like to run a stall, bake some cakes, help make breakfast, supply lunch food, donate raffle prizes or items for sale or a bottle for the bottle stall we would be very grateful. Please contact one of the parish team or Bridget Brinkley on 07805 299 941 or email mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk if you can help. This is part of our fundraising to pay our Parish Centre debt. We look forward hearing from you.



REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of, **Madeline Phillips RIP** **Michael Kilcoyne RIP** and **Daniel Dickinson RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

MADELINE PHILLIPS RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 6th November 2019** at 12 noon.

MICHAEL KILCOYNE RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 13th November** at 10.15am. This will be the only Mass that day. THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED that morning.

DANIEL DICKINSON RIP – His Funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Monday 11th November** at 11am.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation HOLY SOULS Baptisms of Freya Brooke Vidot and Tristan Luis Antonio Fernandes Sacrament of Reconciliation HOLY SOULS
Sun 3	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Eamon O'Brien RIP Alice Danladi in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Marcus, Gene & John Thompson RIP
Mon 4	09.30	David Langish RIP
Tues 5	09.30	Chrissie Clarke RIP
Wed 6	09.30 12.00	Lena Layton RIP (First Anniversary) REQUIEM MASS – MADELINE PHILLIPS RIP
Thurs 7	09.30	Agnetha Wilson in Thanksgiving
Fri 8	09.30	Carmella D'Souza (Intention)
Sat 9	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving – Crasta Family Sacrament of Reconciliation Camilo Barreto RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 10	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 15.00 18.00	Augustine Field RIP The War Dead Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Remembrance Service at Cenotaph Mass for Bereaved Families

Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel D'Souza RIP

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