

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2:** 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**Next Week: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year:** Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32



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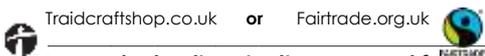
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### NEW MASS TIMES FROM SEPTEMBER

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

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*Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes ... these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers.'*

Food security and poor families having less and less funds to live on have gathered much attention since the pandemic. These same basic standards of living issues, Jesus confronted in his time. In today's Gospel, he exposes the oppressive hypocrisy of the scribes and their lack of compassion for those who are struggling. He cautions his disciples not to be passive listeners or onlookers to what is happening around them. He recognises that people can exploit religious practices by using pious appearance in ways that benefit them alone, while enslaving others. We still find that even in today's world, in places where supposed worshippers are being exploited by preachers of sorts. Rather than being a sign of hope, support and liberation for those they were more fortunate than by the social security standards of the time, the scribes unloaded even more burdens on the widows.

*Less we think 'it is them and not about us', we each should examine ourselves to see whether in our ways of life or in the carrying out of our duties, we help to improve the lives of others to which we are all called to do, following in the footsteps of Jesus. Or are we increasing the burdens they already bear?*

In the second reading, we listened to earlier, Jesus gave unreservedly by sacrificing himself in order to liberate us from the captivity of sin and to raise man to the glorious dignity of adoption as sons and daughters of God. Like Jesus, the widows in the first and Gospel readings, in their own ways, gave selflessly for Elijah's wellbeing and in support of the Temple, respectively. In today's world and no less in their world at the time, many would see their actions as high risk and therefore senseless. To Jesus, this was an example of selfless giving and a great leap of faith - an act of total trust in God's providence.

What's more? The generosity and selflessness of these widows remind us that an investment made for the good of others and in the service of God, is an investment made in heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves cannot break in and steal, but safely stored up for us for eternity. Can we trust in the providence of God as did these widows? Can we help to change the lives of others for good and to support the work of God? Yes, we can, and through Christ!

**Fr Joseph**

## WESTMINSTER SYNODAL PATHWAY

As we had informed you 2 weeks ago, we are the Parish Representatives of St. Lawrence for the Synodal Pathway, and as indicated in the previous newsletter, this is a listening process not a consultation. It is essential that we listen to as many people as we can without making anyone feel left out.

*Cathy Early and Janet Danladi*

## The Sunday obligation is still suspended.

### Masks are recommended when in Church.

When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace.

Please continue to sanitize your hands.

If you, your child or family member has a cold, please do not come to Church until your cough has cleared as cases are rising again.

The Government guidelines states that you should not come to church if you have Covid-19 symptoms, or you are shielding or self-isolating.

### Bidding Prayers for the week:

Acknowledging our needs, we humbly bring our petitions before God.

**We pray that through the Church's faithful announcement of the Gospel,** God's Word may give full meaning to pain and suffering.

**We pray for our Pope, bishops and priests, and for all who minister to God's people:** that in the giving of themselves they will be richly blessed.

**We pray for charities who work tirelessly to support the most vulnerable people:** that they receive all the donation and volunteers they need.

**We pray for families in debt, or who are struggling financially:** that they will meet with understanding and find a way out of their difficulties.

**We pray for our retired and sick priests** and thank God for the service they have given us with great dedication

**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. We remember all those who names appear in our Book of Remembrance

Merciful Father, we ask you to accept our prayers through **Jesus Christ our Lord.** Amen

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

If your child is in a non-Catholic school and is in Year 2 or above and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion, please enrol your child for Sunday School classes. Please request the relevant form from [theresafernandes@aol.com](mailto:theresafernandes@aol.com).

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be a rehearsal for **ALL existing** altar servers on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> November** at 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you at the rehearsal. Training for **new servers** will be at a later date.

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

### GENTLE REMINDER

All being well and with restrictions being lifted in Church, from the First Sunday of Advent (26/27 November) we will go back to receiving the Holy Eucharist at the usual time rather than at the end of Mass. Bidding Prayers will resume as will Altar Servers. The Sunday Obligation will be lifted at this time but if you are in the vulnerable category or feel uncomfortable in crowds please stay home.

## ✠ NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS ✠

**Blessing of Graves:** Fr John, Fr Joseph and Deacon Colin will be available on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Hatton Cemetery - 2.00pm; Bedford Cemetery - 2.30pm;  
Feltham Cemetery - 3.15pm

Hanworth Crematorium - 2.00pm (for those whose ashes are buried there); Borough Cemetery (Powder Mill Lane) - 2.30pm and Hounslow Cemetery - 3.15pm.

A schedule of blessing of graves in all cemeteries in the Hounslow Borough is displayed on the noticeboard

**November Lists** – Available at the back of Church, please fill in and place in the **basket** at the foot of the altar. The Memory Tree by the Baptistry is another way to leave a short message for a loved one.

**Remembrance Sunday** – Could you help on Remembrance Sunday, **14<sup>th</sup> November**, to set up the Parish Centre, prepare and serve refreshments (tea and biscuits) and tidy up afterwards? If so, please let Florie know and come to the Parish Centre at 2.00pm to get everything ready before the service at Feltham War Memorial. There is no parade this year but there will be placing of wreaths by local dignitaries at 3pm.

**Special Mass for the recently bereaved** – On **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm** we shall be celebrating a special Mass to pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners, who have died over the past two years and to pray for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving.

## ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION (2<sup>ND</sup> GROUP)

If you would like your child enrolled for the Confirmation Programme please email Theresa Fernandes on [theresafernandes@aol.com](mailto:theresafernandes@aol.com). The enrolment process starts 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of November to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of December.

## OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – RECEPTION CLASS

Please phone Fr John on 0787 905 8732 to arrange an appointment for the required Certificate of Catholic Practice.

## ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, reducing the risks to everyone of handling cash. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

## A CALL FOR READERS

If anyone would like to **read at the 8am Mass on Sundays**, please speak to a member of the Pastoral Team.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN ADULTS (RCIA)

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in learning more or thinking about becoming a Catholic, please call Fr John or Fr Joseph.

## DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS ILL OR HOUSEBOUND?

If you know of someone who is ill in hospital or at home, or elderly or housebound, please ask them if they would like someone from the parish to visit them for a chat or with Communion, so that we can offer them and their family the support of our prayers and be a tangible sign of Christ's love for them in their need. Please call Fr John or Fr Joseph.

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Martin Adu-Kwanin RIP** and **Baby Carlo Anthony Fernandes RIP** who died recently. Please also keep their families and loved ones in your prayers at this time.

**Martin Adu-Kwanin RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at 12noon.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6	11am	Arlinda Liyug RIP (First Anniversary)
	5pm	Stuart Spicer RIP
Sun 7	8am	Logarta Family in Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Isabel Menezes Intentions
	11am	Constancio Fernandes RIP (First Anniversary)
Mon 8	10am	Paulo & Ana Conceicao Pereira RIP
Tues 9	10am	Alexander Dieseru (Special Intention)
Wed 10	10am	Roque Carvalho RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Thurs 11	10am	Catherine D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Helen Hurley in Thanksgiving
Sat 13	11am	Holy Souls in Purgatory (Fernandes family)
	5pm	Althea Adams (Intention)
Sun 14	8am	Dr Romulo RIP
	9.30am	Jiah Fernandes in Thanksgiving
	11am	For the souls of Grandparents and all departed
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi RIP		

*Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church.*

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## THE PRAYER OF THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

