

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 167: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1:12-20;

Luke 23:35-43

Next Week: First Sunday of Advent: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Order of Mass: Page 7; Readings: Page: 82: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44



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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](http://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

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

### NOVEMBER LISTS

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

Next Friday we be holding a service for the unborn (Friday, 7pm), all those babies who have died, for whatever reason, before they had a chance to live outside the womb. This short service, intended to console and support those who have known this loss, reminds us of two inescapable truths of human experience: the fragility and precariousness of life, and the mystery of death.

The loss of a child before birth is often a hidden loss, and in that sense, a bereavement that cannot be shared. As such, it is a grief that often goes unnoticed by others, or may be deliberately concealed. In both cases, there is a need for healing. I would like to propose a reflection on this week's readings to suggest where and how such healing is to be found.

The feast we celebrate this weekend of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King invites us to receive into our lives the healing truth that all is held in God's hands – our lives, and also our losses. St Paul calls Jesus 'the Beginning', and tells us that all was 'created through him and for him.' So all that is, or ever was, is known to Christ.

Yet the reality of this triumph of love and wholeness is realised, as the Gospel reminds us, by Jesus' suffering and death. Yet here too there is comfort. Our suffering is also his suffering: he has endured the loss of life, first of his earthly father, Joseph, and possibly various friends too. Finally, he experienced death himself, a painful, humiliating and lonely death. Therefore, he stands with us in our loss most intimately.

However, as God, who cannot be contained by death, he also shares his life, light and love with us. His triumph over death was not for his own sake, but for ours. As St Paul says, 'that we might inherit the light'.

Remembering all those we love and have lost, no matter how hidden, let us have confidence in their union with the God of love, for whom no one, and nothing, is ever lost.

Dr Jordan



## ADVENT FAYRE



Our Advent Fayre takes place on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** from **10am - 3pm**. Do come along, pick up a bargain, win some lovely prizes, bottles, etc. Plenty of refreshments. Something for everyone young and not so young. It will be a fun filled day. Thank you. There will be a stall promoting products by Arbonne [www.isasofiaabreu@arbonne.com](mailto:www.isasofiaabreu@arbonne.com)

### CARITAS WESTMINSTER

The Caritas Westminster team are sharing an Advent Giving Calendar which was launched last weekend. The Calendar gives suggestions for items which we can put in our box for Storehouse. The important thing about the calendar is that it is also a way for families to find out where they can get some help if they are struggling to buy the food they need. By taking the calendar, they can access this information without stigma.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Grayson Thomas Adler who will be baptised this weekend. We also offer our warmest congratulations to his family.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 26th November** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### CONFIRMATION 2020

The next Confirmation Class for Candidates is on **Thursday 28th November** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers all our young children who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. The next meeting will be on **Saturday 18th January 2020**.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 30th November at 10am** in the Presbytery.

## PARISH NOTICES

### 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 by Anna Dupelycz from the Diocese. Its free, refreshments will be available.

### 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.

### DAY FOR CATECHISTS CANCELLED.

Dear Catechists, the day planned for **30th November** has been cancelled due to the number of other engagements for Catechists this month. It will be re-scheduled for Lent 2020. Thank you, Jordan.

### WEST LONDON GOANS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

are celebrating the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier on the **1st December 2019** in St Lawrence Parish Hall. Live band and a three course meal will be served. Time: 1 pm to 7 pm. Tickets: £14 for adults and children 6 - 11 years £5. Book early as tickets are limited. Contact Mary D'Souza. See poster on notice board for more details.

### PARKING – 1st DECEMBER 2019

Please take extra care when coming in and out of Church and the school car park on **Sunday 1st December** from 11.30am to 6.00pm as the Goan Community are celebrating the Feast of St Francis Xavier and there will be cars coming in to drop people off plus we have our own parishioners at the 11am Mass and the Polish Community coming for their Mass. It would be advisable to park at Feltham Leisure West or Tesco's.

### PARISH MASS BOOKS – YEAR A VOLUME 1

The Parish Mass Book for Year A, Volume 1 will commence next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent.

### ADVENT RESOURCES

To help in your journey through Advent, there are 3 books available for personal or group reflections. Walk with Me - £1.00, Day by Day £1.100 and Bible Alive - £2.50.

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Following the Consecration of the Parish and Enthronement of several parishioners last weekend to the Alliance of the 2 Hearts, Alice Danladi will be leading a weekly devotion from 6pm-7pm every Thursday in Church starting on **Thursday 28th November**.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA GROUP

This group of devotees will be meeting for devotions in Church on **Friday 29th November** from 8pm-10pm.

### RECEPTION SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Reception Class on the following dates and times. To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch before your preferred date. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots for each date. On the day of your appointment please come with your child and wait in Church. Make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice

**December – Saturday 14th 9.30am-10.30am**  
**January – Saturday 11th 9.30am-10.30am**

## CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2020 CALENDARS

The Repository (Church Shop) has a good selection of Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards and calendars for 2020. Stop and have a browse.

### COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley will be hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of the Parish Centre on **Sunday 8th December** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Offers of help and donations of cakes would be gratefully received.

### SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION – THANK YOU

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend which raised £1,052.55 so far. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available in the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

### ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL

The Junior children of St Lawrence would like to invite the people from the Parish to their Nativity Story in the church on **Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 2.00pm** and **Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm**.

### ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY

.. is looking for a Special Needs Teaching Assistant to be a one to one support to a child. If you are interested, please see the full advert on their website <https://st-ignatius-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/vacancies/>

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Maureen Field RIP** and **Mary "Pat" Williams RIP** who have died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

**MARY "PAT" WILLIAMS RIP** – Her Requiem will take place here on **Thursday 28th November at 10.30am**. This will be the only Mass that day. THE CAR PARK WILL BE **CLOSED** that morning.

**MAUREEN FIELD RIP** – Her Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 11th December at 11.30am**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23	09.30-11.45 12.00 12.45  17.00 18.00 19.00	No Exposition or Confession this morning <b>FIRST CONFESSION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN</b> Ray Palmer RIP Baptism of Grayson Thomas Alder No Filipino Mass today Sacrament of Reconciliation Harry Haldane RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Ukraine
Sun 24	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Rosa Joseph RIP Swizel Rodrigues in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Desmond Quinn RIP (100th Birthday)
Mon 25	09.30	Adam Jacob Tojo RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 26	09.30	Samuel Pereira in Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 27	09.30	Michael Omoniyodo & Matthew Williams RIP
Thurs 28	10.30 18.00-19.00	REQUIEM MASS – MARY "PAT" WILLIAMS RIP Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary devotions
Fri 29	09.30 14.00 19.00 20.00	William George & Margaret Vera Chappells RIP Baptism of Edward Anthony Stokes Service for the Unborn Our Lady of Fatima devotions
Sat 30	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45  17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Carmelita Ordon in Birthday Thanksgiving Baptisms of Delilah Dixie, Acacia Alexander, Fletcher and Alexis Amparbeng Sacrament of Reconciliation Brigid Quinn RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 1	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Frank O'Connor RIP Timothy Cahalane RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) In Thanksgiving Godinho Family
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi, Patrick Yahowa and Felicia Araba Forson RIP		

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