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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd/4th October 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Readings Next Week: Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14



'Do not worry about anything'

In the film 'Bridge of Spies', Mark Rylance gives a wonderful performance as a Russian agent accused of spying in 1960's America. When briefed by his lawyer on the gravity of his situation – he could face the death penalty - he is asked, 'Aren't you worried?' He replies, 'Would it help?'

Today, St Paul tells us 'Do not worry about anything' – It is a challenge to take these words at face value. The current health crisis, and with all the pressures – financial and personal – that flow from it, are very concerning. Like the spy in the film we are in a serious situation. However, like him, we should also ask if worrying actually helps us at all.

Worry saps our energy, disturbs our thoughts, and, ultimately, takes away our peace to such an extent that we can neither judge our situation rightly, nor find strength and joy in the many good and positive things that are ours. The first of these is the nearness and tender love of God our Father.

Paul's advice to pray and to seek and do good in all situations, is the remedy to the desolation described in the other readings, all of which describe vineyards laid waste. The image of a vineyard does not just apply to the people of Israel, but is also a metaphor for our souls, and a very apt seasonal image too! The expected fruitfulness of the vines is an image that both Jesus and St Paul apply us: 'by their fruits shall you know them'. These refer to both spiritual fruits and good deeds.

This is seasonally apt in two ways: it is autumn, when we expect to see harvests, and in our parish, last weekend Fathers John and John Louis confirmed 73 young people. Completing their initiation into the Church, Confirmation is a sort of in-gathering, or harvest. Let us pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, their lives may be fruitful in good deeds and rich in spiritual growth. May they be a blessing to their families, schools and parish!

Also, this is my last contribution to the newsletter before I stand down later this month. Thank you again to all whose fruitfulness in kind and wise words and deeds have made my time of service in St Lawrence's parish so blessed. Your many kindnesses will bear fruit, please God, wherever I go next!

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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

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3	11am 6pm	Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary) For the intentions of Danny & Mary McCarthy (Church)
Sun 4	9am 9am 11am 11am	Pat Miles & Maureen Ross RIP (Church) Harris D'Cruz (Parish Centre) James Hallahan RIP (Church) Lancelot Fernandes RIP (Parish Centre)
Mon 5	11am	Edith Maple in Thanksgiving
Tues 6	11am	Graham Johnston RIP
Wed 7	11am	Lia Silveira in Thanksgiving (First Birthday)
Thurs 8	11am	Sister Evelyn Gallagher RIP
Fri 9	11am	People of the Parish
Sat 10	11am 6pm	Philomena Fernandes RIP Clement Fernandes RIP (First Anniversary) (Church)
Sun 11	9am 9am 11am 11am	Gabriel D'Souza RIP (Second Anniversary) (Church) For the intentions of Sr Nora Gorman (Parish Centre) Pat Frost RIP (Church) Stefania Wolanska RIP (Parish Centre)
Sanctuary Lamp: Felicia Araba Forson RIP		

MASSES

- Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in **Church only**.
 - Sunday 9am **Church and the Parish Centre**
 - Sunday 11am **Church and the Parish Centre**
 - On Saturdays there will be Confessions at 10.30am and during Confessions there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church each Saturday. Mass will be at 11.00am.
 - Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers
- Two metre distancing and everyone over the age of 11 should wear masks unless exempt and have proof of exemption.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON:

Funerals: The recent guidance states that the number allowed to gather for a funeral liturgy remains at a maximum of 30. It states explicitly that this does not include those who are working; this will include the priest, cantor, organist, pallbearers, stewards etc. Hence the number of attendees permitted is 30.

Baptisms: From Monday 28th September, the number of people attending the baptism liturgy outside of the normal pattern of worship is limited to 6 attendees.

Weddings: From 28th September, the maximum number attending a wedding liturgy is limited to 15 attendees, which includes the bride and groom. Those working are not included in the 15.

NHS COVID-19 Test and Trace App: On 24th September the NHS launched its Covid-19 Test and Trace App. This app has been developed to assist the Government with its test and trace policy and uses a smartphone. The app works by using the 'Bluetooth' system, which all smartphones have. It registers any other phones within a certain distance, which also has the app installed. This takes place between the phones themselves and its entirely anonymous.

The app registers a contact if the two people have been within a certain distance (less than 2m) of each other for a certain amount of time (more than 15 minutes), according to what is known about the transmission of Covid-19. No information is sent to the NHS or other bodies. If for any reason a person wishes to delete the app from the phone, all the data is also deleted. Similarly, if the app registers that someone you have met recently has been tested for Covid-19, it will tell you what you need to do.

People who do not have a smartphone will still be covered by the existing manual track and trace services, which will continue as at present.

TRACK AND TRACE

It is now a legal requirement that all parishioners and visitors attending Mass in the church will need to provide their surname and phone number (one member of each household). We are required by the Government to record details of all who attend church during the Covid-19 pandemic. The privacy impact of those whose personal data is recorded in the register is minimal because the register is kept securely and the information is divulged if required by the Government is only kept for 21 days and then shredded.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

GUIDELINES FOR COMING TO CHURCH

It is important to remember that the Coronavirus is still out there, and lives are still at risk. We cannot afford to get complacent. We must all continue to play our part, follow the rules, protect our vulnerable people and control the spread. We are still living with a pandemic.

If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours.

Certain groups of people may be at risk from COVID19 including those who are aged 70 and above, regardless of medical conditions. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from coming to Mass.

- The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.
- Masses are still available on websites.
- Confessions by appointments.
- Worshipers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with i.e. if they are attending corporate worship with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group. Rule of 6 applies at all times.

- Face coverings are mandatory in Church and all those attending must wear a face covering which should be kept on during the whole service - mouth and nose covered.

People want to feel safe and confident when coming back to Mass.

FR. JOHN

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020/2021

Parents of Year 3 children and above who wish to enrol them for the First Holy Communion Programme can do so by emailing theresafernandes@aol.com requesting an enrolment form.

This year the First Holy Communion programme will be zoomed each week beginning on **Saturday 10th October**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020/2021

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2020 and is not attending a Catholic School please email theresafernandes@aol.com for a registration form. This year classes will be by zoom. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Peter O'Brien, Jane Christina Kavanagh and Joyce Mary Melin, who passed away recently.

Joyce Mary Melin - Cremation on **Friday 16th October** at 12.40pm at Hanworth Crematorium

Jane Christina Kavanagh – Cremation on **Thursday 22nd October** at South West Middlesex Crematorium.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Bidding Prayers for the week:

We pray that God will always keep us mindful of our responsibilities and for each other:

We pray for the Pope and all our bishops and priests: that they may continue to teach us to be sensitive to the needs of the world.

That each one of us will receive the grace to fill our minds with everything that is true, noble, good and pure, virtuous and worthy of praise.

That individuals and families who are experiencing new financial pressures because of changes to their jobs will receive the grace to remain hopeful, and that governments will act to significantly relieve the burden of poverty.

That we will not forget people of faith who are persecuted for their beliefs, and pray that this basic human right is restored to them quickly.

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

Heavenly Father, you never gave up on us. Help us to be aware of all that we can do together we ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Please visit the website <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

SCHOOLS

Please check our website for open days at local schools.

For School form signing please contact Fr John Byrne.

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS