

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6th/7th OCTOBER 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Page 140: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16
Next Week: Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year: Page 143: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30



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Dear Friends

I once heard dry comment from a wedding planner at a civil wedding service, where the happy couple had spent thousands of pounds on their big day, everything was organised in detail, outfits chosen, caterers contracted, etc. The only thing they couldn't plan was the weather, and I'm sure if there was a way to do that then, they would have done so. Anyway, the comment said to me was "If this couple put as much effort into their marriage as they have into their wedding then they will have the most successful life together".

I never thought that I would be saying "Thank You God" at a civil wedding but I did as this statement was truly profound to me.

I realise that it is sometimes good to have a few hours alone, perhaps for private prayer or meditation but we humans are essentially social creatures with a need for closeness, friendship and companionship. In marriage God answers these needs for us.

In a marriage a special bond is formed between the happy couple. In a sacramental marriage that bond includes God in a real and profound way. A married couple who have a close relationship with God can never be alone.

There are, of course, things that can weaken a marriage, some I would suggest have always been with us, lack of communication which often leads to lack of trust, and of course infidelity.

Equally true, is that an unselfish marriage with good communication enables couples to solve their problems together, for without communication there can be no unity of heart.

So, could I ask that if there are any couples reading this who are married in civil law but not sacramentally, then please (when you feel ready) have a private word with Fr John or any of us in the parish team. It could be possible to "Convalidate" your marriage to make it a sacramental marriage. Also, we are constantly looking to recruit new catechists. At St Lawrence's we run a successful "pre-marriage course" but, as always, we could do more if we had more catechists to facilitate these courses.

I finish by sharing this quote from Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love). An Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis.

To opt for marriage in this way expresses a genuine and firm decision to join paths, come what may. Given its seriousness, this public commitment of love cannot be the fruit of a hasty decision, but neither can it be postponed indefinitely. Committing oneself exclusively and definitively to another person always involves a risk and a bold gamble. Unwillingness to make such a commitment is selfish, calculating and petty. It fails to recognise the rights of another person and to present him or her to society as someone worthy of unconditional love. If two persons are truly in love, they naturally show this to others. When love is expressed before others in the marriage contract, with all its public commitments, it clearly indicates and protects the "yes" which those persons speak freely and unreservedly to each other. This "yes" tells them that they can always trust one another, and that they will never be abandoned when difficulties arise or new attractions or selfish interests present themselves.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May this year 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.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Nickloy Fernandes and Myles Jet Wei Young who will be baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

There is still time to register your child for Sunday School if you have not already done so. Your child has to be in Year 2 or above and not attending a Catholic School. We require your child to attend Sunday School for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. The programme takes place every Sunday in term time from 10am to 10.45 in St Lawrence's School. Please see Fr John if you require more details

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

If you are seeking to understand better the love and mercy of God as lived in the Catholic tradition you are invited to join our Faith Formation course. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 10th October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Enrolment for Confirmation will take place after the half term break from 29th October 2018.

PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

The Harvest Fast Day collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please sign the declaration form.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on **Monday 8th October** at 7pm in the Presbytery.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 8th October** in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm, when we will hold a "Bring and Buy" sale with a discussion for the proceeds to go to a chosen charity. See you there!!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is on **Tuesday 9th October** at 7pm in the Presbytery.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

KSC is a group of gentlemen in the Catholic lay community who are dedicated to support the mission of the Church and follows the social teachings of the Catholic Church. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 9th October** in the Parish Centre.

LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing Class will commence on **Monday 15th October** at 7.30pm. £4.00 per session. See notice board for future dates.

CONNECT@FELTHAM

Connect@Feltham provides a safe place for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities who would like to take part in Art, Music and Dance activities as well as learning basic cooking skills. The next session is on **9th October**.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church cleaning will go back to Wednesdays from this week.

RETREAT AND HEALING SERVICE

Dr D Jayanand, an international and inspirational preacher for over 30 years will be holding a retreat with prayer and healing over 2 days at St Lawrence's on **Friday 19th October** from 6pm to 10pm and on **Saturday 20th October** from 7pm to 10pm. We are fortunate to have him here for the 2 days enabling as many people to come for one or both days.

ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS COFFEE MORNING

This will take place on **Sunday 21st October** after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Parish Centre. If you are able to help with providing cakes and also helping on the day, please speak to Helen Hurley.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see flyers on the notice board for Open Day information at St Paul's, St Mark's, Gunnersbury, Gumley and Cardinal Vaughan Schools for Year 7 and Sixth Form entry in 2019.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

A day of reflection has been planned for all Readers for **Saturday 10th November** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and back to Church for practice in reading and projection of voice ending at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

POST SPANISH PILGRIMAGE MEETING

There will be a meeting/get together following the Spanish Pilgrimage on **Saturday 20th October** at 7pm. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

IMPROVING FELTHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS

The Improving Feltham, Hanworth and Bedfont Community group meeting will take place on **Saturday 13th October** at Bedfont Lane Community Centre from 1pm to 4pm. All welcome to attend and show some community spirit.

ARE YOU GOING TO HOSPITAL?

If you know you are going to be admitted in to Hospital, Please contact your parish priest/parish office for the sacrament of the sick either at home, in the church or any other convenient place.

Or if you find you are already in hospital, the nurses may not ask you your religious needs, please request to see a chaplain and inform him/her that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see a Catholic chaplain.

STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generosity with items for the foodbank. However, please check the dates on your products before bringing them in as many are out of date (some even 2 years out of date) and have to be thrown away.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family <i>Baptism of Nickloy Fernandes and Myles Jet Wei Young</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Power Family (Intention)
Sun 7 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Richard Cribb RIP Edith Maple (Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw. People of the Parish
Mon 8 th	09.30	Marcus, Gene & John Thompson RIP
Tues 9 th	09.30	Brigid McGinley RIP
Wed 10 th	09.30	Deceased members of the Nguyen Family RIP
Thurs 11 th	09.30	Michael Doherty RIP
Fri 12 th	09.30	Raymond Beirne RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 13 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation Cornelio & Feliciano Braganza RIP <i>Baptisms of Matthew Dance and Miles Bracey</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Sabina Alvarez RIP
Sun 14 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Barbara May Light RIP Gabriel Danladi & Felicia Araba Forson RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw. Mass in Ukrainian People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP		

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

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:
29-30 September: Envelopes £904.04; Loose: £944.46;
Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,515.50**