

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Year A, Volume 2 (Page 140): Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday 22/10/2023: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 143): Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

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Protecting your Privacy:

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd

Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by

Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many of us are guilty of procrastination. I know I certainly am. Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow seems to be the cultural norm of the modern era. Or is it? It seems to me much more likely that this a characteristic that is something that has haunted humanity since time began. Quite frankly, there is always some reason that prevents us from doing what we know we should be doing.

In today's Gospel a great king arranges a banquet for his son's wedding. But for some reason no one wanted to come. What Jesus is really saying when he says "come to the wedding feast" is "come into the kingdom" but for whatever reason we all have excuses. Then Jesus challenges us to go out onto the streets and the crossroads and invite everyone to come in. If that wasn't enough he then says that some who are not properly dressed should be thrown out.

The parable of the Wedding Banquet is good news to the unworthy, the people who are on the streets and at the crossroads, those who were invited when the original guests of honour had responded so ungratefully. It is bad news for those original guests as well as for the man without the wedding garment.

The Eucharist foreshadows the heavenly banquet at which the Father celebrates the wedding of his Son. Unlike the ungrateful guests, we should gratefully accept his generous invitation. Like the unworthy guests, we do not deserve our invitation and we should resolve to live lives that make us worthy guests at such a feast.

So don't put off until tomorrow what you know you should be doing today. When Jesus says leave everything he means your bad habits (in my case procrastination) and follow Him, and when you do follow Him, then be properly dressed because you are coming to serve God, and that requires the suitable attire of love and humility.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will begin at **9.30am** from Saturday 14th October and finish at 10.45am. If people are still waiting, we will continue after Mass.

WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 15th October** at 10.30am.

You can still register if you attend a non-Catholic School and are in Year 2 or above. Please email Cathy Early, details overleaf.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session will be on **Saturday 4th November** at 3.15pm

CONFIRMATION

Group 1 will meet on **Thursday 19th October** at 6.30pm

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (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 would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you are thinking about becoming a Catholic please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

Please speak to Fr John as soon as possible on 0787 905 8732

MASS INTENTIONS

We do not have any spaces left for Mass Intentions for this year

Allen Hall Seminary are able take Mass Offerings to help us out until the end of the year. If anyone wishes to offer a Mass please see Florie.

The 2024 Mass Intention book will be available at the end of November.

Masses and Intentions on Monday 23 October 8.15am, Tuesday 24 October 7pm and Tuesday 5th December 7pm have been moved to other dates.

Please note there is no evening Mass on Tuesday 17th October.

APPEAL FOR MONEY COUNTERS

If anyone in the parish is interested in helping with the weekly Money Count (aged 18+) please speak to Fr John. Please note married couples, siblings or members of the same family cannot count together. You will be required to count once every 4 weeks after the 11am Mass on Sundays, training given. Takes approximately 2 hours.

YOUR PARISH SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

St Lawrence Catholic Primary School, our Parish School, is in urgent need of new Foundation Governors. We would ideally like members who are experienced in (but not limited to!) finance, facilities, education and Fund Raising - however, any skills that YOU have would be a great help for the school. Should you be interested or need more information please contact the School Office email: office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk or 020 8890 3878. Please see extended notice in the noticeboard and on the website.

VISITING PRIESTS

A polite notice to all parishioners who have priest relatives/friends visiting on holiday. All visiting and supply priests need to have a Celebret (if ministering in England and Wales) or a Testimonial of Suitability for Ministry if coming from elsewhere. This is a legal requirement if they wish to celebrate or concelebrate Mass or any other service. Priests coming from abroad have to apply in advance to the Vicar General in Westminster so that appropriate checks can be carried out.

PRAYER MEETING

St. Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group inviting all Parishioners for their monthly Charismatic Prayer Meeting on Saturday 21st October 2023, from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm in the Parish Centre. All are Welcome with their Families and Friends! Come and experience God's Love & Mercy! Kindly contact Vincent: +447424599201/ George: +447597389002 for more details.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

The parish is planning a pilgrimage to Fatima and Santiago de Compostela from 10th May 2024 for one week. The best price so far is £1000, all inclusive. For those **seriously** interested in going please let Florie know by **31 October**, by email or telephone.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

During October the Rosary will be recited Monday to Friday after the 9.30am Mass. Saturday and Sunday please say at home with family.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

7-8 Oct: Loose: £1,166.93 Envelopes: £398.02 **Total: £1,564.95**

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HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham Sort code: 40-05-20 – Acc. No: 71095528

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14	11.00am 12.30pm 5.00pm	Gabriel Danladi RIP (Anniversary) Memorial Mass for Sr Mary O'Malley RIP Barbara May Light RIP (Anniversary)
✳ Sun 15	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Betty Finnegan RIP (1 st Anniversary) Melita Noemia Pereira in Thanksgiving Manuel Gonçalves RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam
Mon 16	8.15am 9.30am	Private Intention Semetrina Pereira RIP
Tues 17	9.30am	Alex Soares RIP (Birthday Remembrance) NO EVENING MASS
Wed 18	9.30am	Ian Webb in Thanksgiving
Thurs 19	9.30am 11.00am	Mary Vineetha Joseph Perera & Oliver Fernando RIP REQUIEM MASS – SAMSON ISA RIP
Fri 20	9.30am	Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP
Sat 21	11.00am 5.00pm	Lucienne Cangy RIP Deceased members of the Pham Family RIP
✳ Sun 22	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Danielle Sebastian in Thanksgiving Theresa Obu RIP Helen Shinn RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Sanctuary Lamp: Rose Ezech RIP		

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Samson Isa RIP, Beryl Elsie Clarke RIP, Sr Mary O'Malley RIP, Ben Smith RIP, Teresa Obu RIP, Fr Dominic McKenna RIP, Marge Millyard RIP, Helena Duckett RIP, Eileen Hilda O'Flynn RIP**, who died recently.

Samson Isa RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Thursday 19th October** at 11am.

Beryl Elsie Clarke RIP – Beryl will be received into Church on **Monday 30th October** at 4pm. Her Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 31st October** at 11am.

Please also keep their families and friends in your prayers.

UCM

The UCM members will meet in the Parish Centre on **Monday 16th October** at 12.30pm

CAFOD

Thank you for your generous support for the Harvest Fast Day. A sum of £1,165.20 was collected and with gift aid (£134.50) a total of £1,299.70 has been raised so far for CAFOD. Thank you again. *Theresa Butcher.*

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS AND OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE AND PARISH AREA

Please see the notice board and our website for School Open Days, Jobs around the Diocese and events in Feltham.

STOREHOUSE AT RIVERSIDE VINEYARD

We have had an appeal from the Storehouse for donations of food and hygiene/cleaning products. The full list is on the notice board. We thank you for your generosity week in week out, it goes a long way to helping those in need.

THE SHELTER PROJECT HOUNSLOW

launched Café Together in June 2022 to support those in the local community who need comfort, support or help. Café Together will be open at St Michael and St Martin's church centre, Bath Road, TW3 3EH, every Monday evening in October from 2nd October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. See notice board and our website for more details.

NOVEMBER – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Further details will be provided next week

-**Wednesday 1st November** – All Saints Day

-**Thursday 2nd November** – All Souls Day

-**4th/5th November** – Sick and Retired Priests' collection

-**Sunday 5th November** the blessing of graves will take place

-**Sunday 5th November** at 5pm we will have our Mass for Bereaved Families

-**Sunday 12th November** at 3pm there will be the Remembrance Parade on the Green followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

-**Sunday 12th November** at 6pm – Special Mass in Konkani for the Goan Community in honour of Venerable Fr Agnelo D'Souza