

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2:** Page 152: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3:14, 4:2; Luke 18:1-8  
**Next Week: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** Page: 155: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:5-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

## Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

As well as being a Marian month, October also contains the feast of the Most Holy Rosary, which is celebrated on 7th October. For Catholics, the Rosary has become an integral part of our prayer toolkit and devotional life. It is helpful to look at a brief overview of the history and development of this very familiar item.

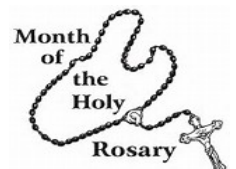
From the earliest centuries, Christians used prayer beads upon which to recite the Our Father and Hail Mary. In the Middle Ages, these strings of prayer beads were known as Pater Nosters. Tradition has it that St Dominic structured the Rosary as we have it during his interaction with the Albigensians – a group who denied the mystery of Christ. By meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life contained in the Mysteries of the Rosary, we can meditate on those accounts given to us in Scripture and Tradition in a way which is at once more intimate, familiar and prayerful, rather than simply by reading or hearing. Our Lord and Our Lady are at the centre of the Rosary and we are drawn up into the reality of their lives both here on earth and the joys of heaven, which even the awful agonies of the Passion and Death of Our Lord could not extinguish.

The Joyful mysteries anticipate Our Lord's coming – from the reaction of joy of St John and Elizabeth to Mary and her arrival at the Visitation, to the adoring magi at the Nativity. But amidst this joy, there is too the anticipation of something darker; "and a sword will pierce your own heart too" says old Simeon to Our Lady when he has seen the baby Jesus and there is consternation and at the same time too, acceptance when the child Jesus is found in the Temple. The light uplands are exchanged for darkness in the Sorrowful Mysteries. Our Lord sweats in anguish at the thought of what is to come in Gethsemane; the cruel horrors of the scourging, the mocking insults of the crown of thorns – by our sins we hurt Him even now. Our rejection of His love – that love which saw Him die each of us is stark, real. And then, the triumphant wonder of the Glorious mysteries. Death is harrowed, the risen Lord ascends and the Church, His Mystical Body is founded and commissioned at Pentecost. Our Lady too, is spared the physical wasting of death and is instead assumed into heaven amidst the glory of the saints. Heaven is our ultimate destination too, when we choose life and love – death's victory is hollow. New life can be ours. The Luminous Mysteries touch on various aspects of Our Lord's life and remind us again of the joys of love and service.

Speaking of the Rosary and Our Lady, Pope St John Paul II said "It is Mary who will teach us how to be silent, how to listen for the voice of God in the midst of a busy and noisy world. It is Mary who will help us find time for prayer. Through the Rosary... she will help us to know Christ". Above all, the Rosary contains the drama of the greatest love story the world has ever known. It draws us into the mystery of God's great love for us and the reality of kingdom of heaven here and now. The Rosary is one of the most powerful tools of prayer and of devotion there is. We should always have recourse to it, as a means of drawing us closer to God in prayer after the model of She who, full of grace, said "yes" to the Angel and thus participated in the salvation of our world.

Let's pray for each other

Fr John Louis



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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

Reminder -The clocks **go back** by one hour next weekend (26/27October)



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Noelle-Sophia Naidoo, Warren Richard Fernandes, Gerard Elefante and Jayden Arthur Dantey who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

The next Class is on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The next Preparation Class is on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at 4.30pm in St Lawrence's School, followed by participation at the 6pm Mass

### CONFIRMATION 2020

The next Confirmation Class for Candidates is on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

### 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 session will be on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10am** in the Presbytery. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish. Please speak to Fr John, Fr John Louis or Colin Macken if you would like an application form.

## PARISH NOTICES

### 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

On **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** there will be an exhibition after the morning Masses to commemorate the 17,000 Polish people who lost their lives in the war.

### BROTHER JAYANAND

Brother Jayanand will be visiting St Lawrence's on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> October** for talks, praise and worship, spiritual healing from 7.00pm to 9pm. All welcome. For further details please speak to Joyce Rosario.

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm**. Sr Nora will give us an interesting talk on "Our Lady" – being very appropriate as we look forward to the coming of Christmas.

### GOSPEL MUSICIANS

We hope to set up a Gospel Music Group, if any musicians are interested please contact Jordan Pullicino, details overleaf.

### FAMILY HOLIDAY CLUB – 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

This half term Caritas Westminster will be holding a new Family Holiday Club in the Parish Centre. The club will include lots of fun activities for families to enjoy, followed by a hot nutritious lunch and food to take home and cook together. The club will be held from **11am-2pm, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. The club is for children from ages 4-11, accompanied by a parent or guardian. The club is completely free to attend but advance booking is required. Booking forms are available from Fr John or the Parish Office.

### FILIPINO COMMUNITY

As Fr Cirino is away the Mass in Tagalog in October and November has been cancelled.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA GROUP

This group of devotees will meet on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** in the Parish Centre from 7pm to 9pm

### DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

A day of reflection has been planned for all Readers for **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### PRAYING WITH CHILDREN

Would you like to know more on 'how to pray with your child'? Why not come along to an afternoon of prayer on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 2-5pm** in the Parish Centre. Anna Dupelycz from Westminster will be here to guide and help us. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to know more, please contact Jordan. Parents and catechists are welcome.

## DIARY DATES

**Saturday 2 November** – Readers Retreat Day

**Sunday 3 November** – Blessing of Graves

**Saturday 9 November** – Praying with Children - 2-5pm Parish Centre

**Sunday 10 November** – Remembrance Sunday

**Sunday 10 November** – Remembrance Parade 3pm – The Green followed by Refreshments in the Parish Centre 3.15 to 4.30pm

**Sunday 10 November** – Annual Mass for Bereaved Families 6pm

**Sunday 24 November** – ADVENT FAYRE

**Saturday 30 November** – Catechists Retreat Day

## CAFOD CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION

Monique and Miriam would like to say a big thank you to the 388 parishioners who signed our petition. It was an amazing result!

## SCHOOL PARKING

A message from The Head Teacher at St Lawrence's.

"Dear Parents and Carers, Please can we request that you **do not** park illegally or inconsiderately when dropping children off at school or picking up. Even if to just allow children to alight a vehicle. It is very disappointing to hear from local residents that members of our community have been rude and uncooperative in relation to this. You can put other children at risk by preventing them from being able to see what is coming when crossing. Illegally parked cars also prevent emergency vehicles from being able to access private properties or our Parish Church. We will be asking for traffic enforcement to patrol and also to use cameras to enforce fines if possible. There is free parking at the Leisure complex which we encourage you to use if you are unable to walk to school. We look forward to your cooperation in the matter."

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Christine Anne Dolan RIP, Margaret Sweeney RIP, Madelaine Philips RIP and Archbishop Michael Bowen RIP**

**CHRISTINE ANNE DOLAN RIP** – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at 1.15pm.

Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them. May they rest in peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 13.45 17.00 18.00 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Vinitha Fernando RIP (Anniversary) Baptisms of Noelle-Sophia Naidoo, Warren Richard Fernandes and Gerard Elefante Baptism of Jayden Arthur Dantey Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish Praise and Worship – Brother Jayanand
Sun 20	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00 19.00	Dermot Doran RIP (Anniversary) In Thanksgiving - Rodrigues Family Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam Peter Quinn RIP (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Praise and Worship – Brother Jayanand
Mon 21	09.30	Sisters of the Holy Family (Intentions)
Tues 22	09.30 13.15	For all souls in Purgatory RIP REQUIEM MASS: CHRISTINE ANNE DOLAN RIP
Wed 23	09.30	Agnes Ajayi in Birthday Thanksgiving
Thurs 24	09.30	Armstrong & Daisy Dias in Thanksgiving
Fri 25	09.30	David Langrish RIP
Sat 26	11.00 11.00 12.00 13.30 17.00 18.00 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Desmond & Ruth Quinn RIP Marriage of Karl Goad and Michelle Lipscombe No Filipino Mass this month Sacrament of Reconciliation Victor Crasta RIP Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 27	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Alfred Deacon RIP Mason Godinho in Thanksgiving (1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Josephine Duignan RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Mary van der Puy in Thanksgiving		

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**12-13 October:** Envelopes £728.55 Loose £1,606.53

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