

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th/25th October 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Readings Next Week: ALL SAINTS DAY: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12



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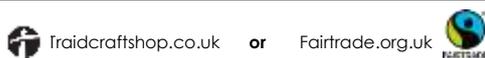
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MASS INTENTIONS

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



Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv



Reminder: The clocks go back by one hour this weekend

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT)
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Dear Friends,

In these troubled times I sometimes feel that we should all take a moment to consider the meaning of life. I was recently walking around Bedfont Cemetery. The lives of all those buried there came from the hand of God and they have now gone before their creator. Some might say they have come and gone and that is that, but I would say no, that isn't the case because each life (no matter how short or long) is a great drama that unfolds. Every day in our human lives counts for eternity, whether or not we as an individual realise it.

There are perhaps a couple of questions here. *Is virtue growing in our lives? And have we seized upon the offer of eternal life?*

I hope I can answer when I say that the drama of human life is the acquisition of goodness. Being good doesn't always come naturally, although I do believe we have the natural desire to be good, but this must be acted upon in our free choices.

In today's gospel Matthew illustrates for us, that the great commandment God directs to me and to all of you is that of love. Our lives must be focused on Christ, he is Our Lord and Our God. We must identify with our neighbour, that is all our neighbours whether they be homeless, unemployed, migrants or anyone else who is in need of our Christian love.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24	11am 6pm	Anton Fernandes RIP (2 nd Anniversary) Graham Johnston RIP (Church)
Sun 25	9am	Sister Nora's Intention on the celebration of her 50 th Jubilee (Church)
	9am 11am 11am	Mark Tabor RIP (Anniversary) (Parish Centre) Nguyen Family – Good Health RIP (Church) Theresa Molloy RIP (2 nd Anniversary) (Parish Centre)
Mon 26	11am	Francis Kayaplackal RIP
Tues 27	11am	Mason Godinho in Thanksgiving
Wed 28	11am	Judas Martins RIP
Thurs 29	11am	Carmella De Souza Intentions
Fri 30	11am	Myles Rodrigues in Thanksgiving
Sat 31	11am 6pm	Feyi Badejo in Thanksgiving (21 st Birthday) Maria Olga Reis Intentions (Church)
Sun 1	9am	Patrick Osuji RIP (Anniversary) (Church)
Nov	9am 11am 11am	Pat Frost RIP (Parish Centre) Alice Danladi in Thanksgiving (Church) Inacina Alvares RIP (Parish Centre)
Sanctuary Lamp: Wilson Family Intentions		

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, covering mouth and nose, 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, includes child to be baptised.

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.
- Worshippers 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

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.

RCIA COURSE 2020-21

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, either as an enquirer or a "returner", then the "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course is for you!! It's an opportunity to ask all those questions you thought up, but never quite got round to asking!! There is no commitment at the early stage – you may have a taster and decide you want to continue, or perhaps come back later on. This year, as with other Sacramental Classes, the course will be delivered via Zoom, at a time to be agreed with the participants. For more information please contact me by email johnntabor@rcdow.org.uk. Fr John Louis

CONFIRMATION 2020-21

Confirmation Enrolment for those wishing to be confirmed in 2021 is now open will close the weekend of 31st October/1st November. Those wishing to enroll for this first set of sessions should email Theresa Fernandes – theresafernandes@aol.com for an application form. There will be 5 weekly sessions beginning on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm. The sessions will be delivered by Zoom. Further details will be given at enrolment. A second course will be offered in January 2021.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

NOVEMBER LISTS

We will not be providing blank sheets this year. Please bring in a sheet, from 1 November, with the names of those you wish to be remembered and place them in the basket on the table by the bottom step of the altar.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

If you would like your family grave blessed in November, please telephone Fr. John on his mobile 0787 905 8732 to arrange a day and time.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas (Tommy) Blanchfield, Marian Dennehy, Luzia Severino and Jane Christina Kavanagh, who passed away recently.

Thomas (Tommy) Blanchfield – Cremation on **Friday 30th October** at 1.20pm 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:

My brothers and sisters, let us bring our prayers for our neighbours and all who are in need to God our loving Father:

We pray for the Church, as we try to follow the commandment to love our neighbour as ourselves: may we learn to forgive, to accept, to tolerate and to grow together into the people that God wants us to be.

We pray for the unloved people of this work, for those who are friendless and alone, for those who experience alienation far from home and for those who are not able to love themselves: that they may find compassionate friends.

We pray for political stability in Belarus and Lebanon, for dignified elections in the United States, for greater progress towards peace in Afghanistan, and for wisdom among health and government leaders during this pandemic.

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.

God our Father, your Son has taught us to love you above all things, and our neighbour as ourselves. We ask you to hear the prayers we offer through Christ our Lord. Amen

SCHOOLS

Reception Form signing will start after half term.

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: WRCDD Feltham

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS