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22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

1st/2nd SEPTEMBER 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Page 126: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2
Next Week: Twenty Third Sunday of the Year: Page 129: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37



The New is in the Old Concealed and the Old is in the New Revealed

Despite my headline there are no moral teachings in the Church that depend solely on revelation, but that said the Church interprets authoritatively moral teaching in revealing the Old Testament in the New Testament.

Today's readings and Gospel talk about rules and regulations. Today's first reading teaches us it is in our best interest to keep the commandments of God exactly as he has given them, we could deviate from these commandments at our own risk but that would mean suffering the consequences, in today's second reading St James reminds us that all that is good and perfect is God's gift to humanity. The best religious practice pleasing to God is to help those in need and those who are suffering and not allowing ourselves to be caught up in worldly requirements.

In our childhood days when we sat down for our meal we were told to wash our hands. This has as much to do with good manners and personal hygiene. The cleanliness discussed in the gospel today is of a totally different kind, a kind demanded by tradition

But what are these traditions? In the centuries before Christ, the Scribes and the Pharisees wrote many rules and regulations to cover every eventuality. Over time these became known as the "Tradition of the Elders" They issued strict rules on everything including the washing of hands. The people at the time of Christ believed that anyone who refused to follow these rules became unclean. What they were doing was putting human values above divine values.

Jesus had an idea of religion formed by divine teaching that was entirely different. He made it absolutely clear that what makes a person unclean is not the lack of ritual cleaning or what a person eats, but spiritual impurity caused by bad thoughts and deeds which come from our own hearts.

Today's Gospel reaffirms that the commandments of God, given to us by God through Moses, reaffirmed today in the book of Deuteronomy, take precedence over all man made traditions and observances.

People become unclean and sinful, not because they haven't washed their hands or because of something they have eaten but because of what comes out of their minds, hearts and souls.

As we are talking about rules and regulations I am mindful that the new academic year is starting this week. Many of our younger parishioners will be starting at a new school or university, which of course will mean new rules and regulations. On behalf of Fr John, Fr Peter, the Parish Sisters and myself could I ask that you remember our students in your prayers as we will be remembering them in ours.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

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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 Cristos Owen Molfesis who was baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to his family.

WEDDINGS

Our warmest congratulations to Joseph McNeill and Laura Walmsley who celebrated the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 AND CHILDREN CURRENTLY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you missed returning your application form, there is still time. Please do so as soon as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2018 and not attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. The Sunday School programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **9th September at 10am in St. Lawrence's School**. We require your child to attend Sunday School for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Please see Fr John if you require more details

PARISH NOTICES

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Copies of the above letter with regard to suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse are available at the back of Church together with the Cardinal's response and thoughts. Please take a copy.

GOOD NEWS

The long awaited **After School Club** will be opening at St Lawrence's School on **4th September 2018** from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. If you would like your child to attend please contact Julie or Sarah on 07971 994669 as soon as possible as places are limited. Email: Teddschildcare@gmail.com

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. They are now on a summer break returning **September 4th**.

FEAST OF OUR LADY - SEPTEMBER 8TH

Jo and Teresita of the Filipino Community invite you to join them for the **12 noon Mass on September 8th** to celebrate the feast of Our Lady's birthday followed by refreshments, praise and worship in the Parish Centre.

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. We work for the moral and social welfare of our communities. Why not consider becoming a member; you never know where it may lead you. Our meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of every month and next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th September 2018** at St. Lawrence

Parish Centre in Feltham at 8:00pm.

ST LAWRENCE PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group are now on their summer break and reconvene on **Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm**.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Day of Reflection has been planned for all Eucharistic Ministers for **Saturday 6th October** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and questions. The day will end 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.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

A similar day 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.

PILGRIMAGES

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK, IRELAND

We are planning a pilgrimage to the Knock Shrine from **6th-9th September 2019**. The price per person is £499 including return transfer from Church, flight with hand luggage, all transfers, 3 nights hotel with breakfast and dinner. Single room supplement £100 for the 3 nights. Please see flyer on the noticeboard.

Booking Forms are now available in the porch. Please complete and return to Florie in the Parish Office. You need to have Travel Insurance in order to travel, the EHIC card is not sufficient.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Saturday 22nd September**. It will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and other Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the pilgrimage this year will centre on the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. There will be a special blessing for families and the family home. The day will include a pilgrim Mass, picnic lunch, rosary procession ending with prayers and Benediction in the Priory grounds. The cost per person is £20.00. Those who have expressed interest and signed your name, **to secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to Florie in the Parish Office.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1 st	11.00 11.00 12.00 13.30 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Erwin Gorczynski RIP (Anniversary) <i>(with Baptism of Cristos Molfesis)</i> Wedding of Joseph McNeill and Laura Walmsley Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 2 nd	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Mary & Gabriel (Intention) Frank O'Connor RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Dewan, James & Videa Joseph RIP
Mon 3 rd	09.30	Santiago & Nelson Fernandes (Get Well)
Tues 4 th	09.30	Adefolake Paulina Badejo RIP
Wed 5 th	09.30	Sid Brown RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 6 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 7 th	09.30	Cina Rodrigues in Thanksgiving
Sat 8 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Maria Gilberta Braganza RIP Baptism of Zion Ray Caldeira Sacrament of Reconciliation Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 9 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Lucy Aladics RIP (Anniversary) Armstrong & Daisy Dias in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian People of the Parish
		Sanctuary Lamp: In Thanksgiving for passing GCSE Exams – Felicity Petrie

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:

25-26 August: Envelopes £805.13; Loose: £1,010.00;
 Standing Orders: £845.00 **Total: £2,660.13**
Parish Centre Fund August: £826.61