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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th/6th September 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 12:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Readings Next Week: Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7; Psalm 102; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35



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MASS INTENTIONS

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The desire to call people and organisations to account is often a feature in the news or other media. It is right that we expect justice from those who have power. Accountability and transparency are two means that make this possible, and it is good that both are now expected as norms of practice within society and the Church. This is a real improvement on past practice.

Today's readings, however, raise the standard for us Christians even higher. It is not enough that we are fair or good towards others, we are expected to extend ourselves to help them from falling into sin and error. This goes beyond anything we can expect from the law or from popular morality.

St Paul's letter to the Romans sums it up beautifully: we are called to love, and love both fulfils and exceeds the law. This is because love allows us to see others not just as we would see ourselves, but to have something of God's perspective upon another person. His gaze is one of unconditional love.

I know this is certainly beyond me, especially for people I do not know, or those with whom I find it even difficult to see eye to eye.

This weekend in our parish of St Lawrence's, we celebrate in a special way the remedy provided for us by Christ to enable us to see as he sees, to act as he acts and love as he loves – the sacrament of the Eucharist. Yes, we celebrate this every day, but this weekend and next weekend we have the First Holy Communion masses of our children. This is their initiation into sharing our foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and the food which will strengthen and equip them every day with God's grace to see, act and love and Jesus Christ.

Please pray for: Abigail, Alexander, Aviesh, Callum, Chantelle, Chelsea, Elijah, Emma, Goda, Janelle, Jaden, Kingston, Leandro, Lucas, Maxwell, Molly, Natasha, Rea, Shanaya, Vianka, Alex, Andrea, Annika, Cayden, Charlotte, Daryl, Henry, Jayden and Jeswin, Johnny, Kiyara, Laura, Lena, Lester, Mason, Motunrayo, Ryan, Szymon and Thomas.

Thank you,
Jordan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5	11am 3pm	Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sun 6	9am 11am 3pm	Gabriel D'Souza RIP Jackie Russell nee Hanlon (1 st Anniversary) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Mon 7	11am	Teresa Keaveney RIP
Tues 8	11am	Chris Rodrigues in Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 9	11am	Eileen Carroll RIP
Thurs 10	11am	Denis Agbagwara RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Fri 11	11am	Bill Dethridge RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 12	11am 3pm	Holy Souls FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sun 13	9am 11am 3pm	Lucy Aladics RIP Mary Devine RIP FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel D'Souza RIP		

PARISH MASSES

Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the grounds of St. Lawrence School. Open-air Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am, with social distancing.

Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers (maximum 64 people with 2 metre distancing).

This is a gradual re-opening of our parish for Masses with some changes of Mass times.

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.
- **From 8th August face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship. All those attending church must wear a face covering.**

People want to feel safe and confident when coming back to Mass.

FR. JOHN

OUTDOOR MASSES

- As discussed we will be continuing with open-air Masses on Sundays 9.00am and 11.00am in the school playground until the end of September (weather permitting).

- 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

- From October 4th we will move back into the church with 1 metre distancing and everyone over the age of 11 should wear masks.

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BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Maya Sivert, Maria Isabella Ordone, Zaneuk Nathan Marques, Krystal Valanka Travassos, Emmanuel Jesus Carvalho, Gianna Francesca Viegas, Braelyn Mikitha Mathias, Ezekiel De Souza, Hope Tojo, Darcie Hopper, Pia Pereira, Zephora Fernandes, Carlzeah Cleonora Fernandes and Asher Antonio Fernandes who were baptised recently. We extend our warmest congratulations to their families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations to Sr Nora who celebrates the Golden Jubilee of her Profession to Religious Life on Tuesday 8th September. May God continue to bless her with good health. We thank Sr Nora for all she does in our parish and the wider community. Please keep her in your prayers.



OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2021 – Thursday 24th Sept 2020

For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form in 2021 – Wednesday 30th September 2020. *Further information to follow.*

Bidding Prayers for the week:

My brothers and sisters, let us bring to the Lord our prayers for all in need and especially for those who suffer for their beliefs:

For the Church: that we may recognise in ourselves our constant need of God and that we may open ourselves to the gifts that God has given us for our good and that of our brothers and sisters.

We pray for our children preparing to receive First Holy Communion: that the gift of the Holy Eucharist will draw them into an unending friendship with the Lord.

For all who are suffering or being oppressed for the Christian faith; that God will comfort and strengthen them and bring them safely through their trial.

We pray for children returning to school, for their teachers and families, that they will be safe from infection, that the new academic year will be one of hope and joy and that those who need specialised care and attention will find it.

That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner (*Holy Father's prayer intention*).

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid19, 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

Lord God, your help is near to all who call upon you. Hear our prayers and bless us in our daily lives. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

Fr John would like to thank all the stewards for their great work and dedication. They help us to keep safe while in Church.

Please remember to wear masks in Church and to keep a safe distance. Thank you.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Patricia Frost, Michael Nsiah, Fr Danny Horan, and all those who have died with the Pandemic.

Pat Frost's Requiem will take place here on **Monday 14th September** at 11.00am.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Please keep in your prayers all their families who mourn them.

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: WRCDT Feltham

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS