

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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23rd Sunday of the Year

7th/8th September 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 133: Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33
Next Week: 24th Sunday of the Year: Page: 136: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32



Quo Vadis Fr John Louis Tabor September 2019

I am very pleased to be able to introduce myself to you, both in person over these coming weeks and by means of a short introduction on the newsletter.

It is a real privilege to have been asked by the Cardinal to Feltham. It is a vibrant and diverse parish and I am looking forward to getting to know you as we accompany each other on this adventure in Christian living. This is my second appointment; my first was at Northfields in Ealing, a rather smaller parish than Feltham. I was ordained in 2018, having studied for four years at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome. Previously I had worked in a number of roles in the financial services in City for just over 10 years. I am a Westminster man born and bred, having entered this world in the Westminster Hospital. When I was four my father's work took us as a family to the West Country, so we swapped city life for the wilds of Exmoor – something of a contrast!

I went to school at Downside in Somerset and my time there sowed the seeds of my priestly, if not monastic, vocation. I am still in regular touch with the community there and with its daughter house, Ealing Abbey. I studied Classics at Royal Holloway, which is not far from here at Egham – little did I think when I was there in the early 1990's that I would one day return here as a priest in this parish!

Even after school and university, thoughts of a possible vocation persisted. Part of this I think is due to my going to Lourdes each year (and sometimes more than once) from the age of 18, firstly with the Order of Malta Volunteers (OMV) and then with the Diocese. The example of selfless giving, both of helpers and malades and the real joy I experience there is a touch of the Divine. Meanwhile I had a good job and nice life in London. It all looked on the surface very good, very conventional. Still there was something missing. Finally, after a couple of false starts, I heeded the advice of a good Priest friend who advised me with the memorable words "Get on with it and go and see the Vocations Director"!

After two ears of further discernment and various selections processes and procedures, the Cardinal accepted me for priestly formation in March 2014 and I went to Rome that autumn to begin studies. The seminary was a privileged time of growth, especially in the practice of prayer and self-awareness, as well as mixing with a really interesting group of people drawn from a mix of countries and cultures. I am incredibly grateful to the Cardinal for his kindness and wisdom in sending me there. MY priestly ordination along with five others in the Cathedral was a deeply moving moment – both the culmination and start of something wonderful – a call to loving service.

Now I am here with you – and I am sure that it will be a time of hard work, but with great rewards too as we build up the Church in this place.

Have a blessed week

Fr John Louis

<https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/news/the-joy-of-priesthood-my-first-year/>

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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

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

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Cecilia Quincey who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2019 and **not** attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. This programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am. There is still time to register if you have not done so already.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The First Preparation Class is on **Saturday 14th September** at 4.30pm in St Lawrence's School, followed by participation at the 6pm Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

Classes start on **Tuesday 10th September** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION 2020

If you live in the parish of St. Lawrence's, attend weekly Sunday Mass here and you are in School Year 9 or above in September 2019, you are invited to apply to be prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. Registration Forms are available in the porch. Please complete and bring your form to the Church on **Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th September** and **Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th September** between **4.00-6.00pm** to meet with Jordan. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate if you were not baptised at St Lawrence's.

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 that will begin on **Wednesday, 2nd October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. 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

UCM

The UCM commence the new term on **Monday 9th September** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Members are invited to bring their holiday news. We welcome all ladies of the parish to come to the meeting and see what we do.

FINANCE MEETING

The next Finance Meeting is on **Tuesday 17th September** at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

We welcome the children of St Lawrence's on **Wednesday 11th September** the Start of Year Mass at the 9.30am

GOSPEL MUSICIANS

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



I hope you had a restful summertime and that you are refreshed for the new school term, for work and parish life. I hope you will be able to join us on **Saturday 21st September for 6pm Mass** which will celebrate the International flavour of our parish. **After Mass we will celebrate with food, music and hopefully dancing in the parish centre.** You are invited to pay an **entrance fee of £3**, which includes a strip of raffle tickets, to the event. Food from our various communities will be on sale and you are invited to bring your own alcoholic drinks if you wish to do so. This promises to be an exciting evening and a great way to welcome our new Assistant Priest Fr. John Louis to our parish.

Thanks to all who have offered to help with catering and donations of food. Please contact me if you would like to help, are able to donate food or raffle prize for the event. Bridget 07805 299 941 mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, BURGOS, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA & FATIMA – MAY 2020

The pilgrimage will take place from the **6th May 2020 till the 14th May 2020**. This is a 9 day pilgrimage spending 2 nights in Lourdes, 1 night in Burgos, 2 nights in Santiago and 3 nights in Fatima. The cost will be £855, if we have a minimum of 30 people. In Lourdes & Fatima it will be full board and in Burgos & Santiago it will be half board. The list is now full but if you are interested we can put your name on a waiting list. **All booking forms with deposit must be returned to Florie in the office by 12th September in order to secure the price of £855.** There is a restricted number of people we can take so we will adopt a first come basis, based on when we receive completed booking forms with deposit. Any queries please contact Florie in the office.

ALLIANCE OF THE 2 HEARTS

The Centennial Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit St Lawrence's on **Wednesday 18th September** starting at 9.00am with Morning Prayer, followed by a procession and Mass at 9.30am. After communion there will be a talk on the Fatima Message, Two Hearts Consecration, Blessing of Scapulars. Final Blessing and enrolment in the Brown Scapular with a Farewell to Our Lady at 10.45am. Please take a leaflet and spread the word.

INVITATION CAFOD INFORMATION AFTERNOON -

Wed 18th Sept 2.30pm-4pm, CAFOD's Volunteer Centre, 1st Floor, Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London, N14 4HE. CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information afternoon with a guest speaker, Laura Ouseley, who has first-hand experience of our work in Overseas. Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. Bookings taken on 0208 449 6970 or e mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Nahad (Amal) Selby RIP** and **Bimla Joseph RIP** who passed away recently. Their funerals will take place here on:

NAHAD SELBY (AMAL) RIP – Wednesday 11th September at 10.45am

BIMLA JOSEPH RIP – Monday 16th September at 11.00am

Please also keep their family and friends and all who mourn them in your prayers.

THE CAR PARK BARRIER WILL BE DOWN ON BOTH THESE DAYS – NO PARKING AVAILABLE IN CHURCH.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Angele Jeanne & Patrice Mang RIP Baptism of Cecilia Quincey Sacrament of Reconciliation Nigel Owen RIP
Sun 8	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Gabriel D'Souza RIP Aaric Niven Rajesh (Special Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Benjamin Vas RIP
Mon 9	09.30	Joao Capistrano & Delfina Joana Dias RIP
Tues 10	09.30	Deceased relatives of Ivy Adams RIP
Wed 11	09.30 10.45	Bill Dethridge RIP (Anniversary) - with School REQUIEM MASS – NAHAD SELBY (AMAL) RIP
Thurs 12	09.30	Lucy Aladics RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
Fri 13	09.30	Fr Gerry Burke RIP
Sat 14	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Rose McGovern RIP Baptism of Reign Marie Phillips and Joseph Peter Butler Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the Gill & Foxen Families RIP
Sun 15	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Anita Calmiano RIP Louis Lemdem Edbufor RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam In Thanksgiving – Wilma Martin
Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP		

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