

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7; Psalm 102; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35  
Readings Next Week: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16



## FORGIVENESS FROM THE HEART

Maybe Peter is weary of hearing Jesus talk about forgiveness. Maybe he is puzzled by Jesus' own endless forgiving of wrongs.

So Peter bluntly asks Jesus 'how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Instead of answering Peter directly, Jesus tells a story

One clear message emerges from the story – forgiveness received is for passing on to others. This is what we pray each time we recite the Lord's Prayer: "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" Genuine forgiveness is from the heart.

Today we are called to act like people who are infinitely loved by God. Sometimes our hurts and burdens can be heavy to carry through life. To forgive can lighten some of the weight. Forgiveness, like love, is a mystery. It cannot be measured or counted. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us to forgive again and again so that our hearts may be enriched beyond all understanding.

*Lord, give us the strength to  
forgive from the heart  
those who have offended us.  
Then we will know the warmth  
of your forgiveness. Amen*

FR. JOHN

*Please pray for our children who make their First Holy Communion this weekend: Alexander, Alexandra, Amelia, Anita, Damian, Daniel, Diana, Elyque, Ivo, Jakub, Kamila, Kate, Larissa, Matilda, Megan, Michal, Nathan, Mikodem, Onese, Ross, Stefania, Taniya, Tiah, Tiffany, Tiyanna, Yommerenya, Adrianna, Amelia Nyang, Arilda, Ayomikun, Elia, Elizabeth, Emilia, Emily, Enzo, Henry, Isabelle, Ivy, Jakub, Kalina, Lukas, Markiyan, Maximilian, Pawel, Sarah, Stephanie, Tian and Xabi.*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12	11am 3pm	Holy Souls FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sun 13	9am 11am 3pm	Lucy Aladics RIP Mary Devine RIP FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Mon 14	11am	(Teresa Macken Intentions) REQUIEM MASS – PATRICIA FROST RIP
Tues 15	11am	Anita Calmiano RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 16	11am	Emilia Potts RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 17	11am	Anthony Adams Intentions
Fri 18	11am	Ingrid Pooler's Intentions
Sat 19	11am	Rosario Fernandes RIP
Sun 20	9am 11am	Intentions of the 9am Choir Hourihan Family Intentions
Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP		

## PARISH MASSES

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

- 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

- Due to the new government regulations from next weekend, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will move back into the Church and Masses will be at 9am and 11am in Church and the Parish Centre (4 Masses) with 2 metre distancing. Everyone over the age of 11 **should** wear masks unless exempt and have proof of exemption.

**FR. JOHN**

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020/2021

Parents of Year 3 children and above who wish to enrol them for the First Holy Communion Programme can do so by emailing [theresafernandes@aol.com](mailto:theresafernandes@aol.com) requesting an enrolment form.

This year the First Holy Communion programme will be zoomed each week beginning on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### CONFIRMATION 2020

Our Confirmation candidates will be receiving the Sacrament Of Confirmation the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September. Please keep them in your prayers.

## SCHOOLS

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

All those wanting a Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary School transfers please call Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

### OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2021 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020  
For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form in 2021 – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. *Further information to follow.*

### CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

This year Open evenings will be held remotely. Year 7 will be available on our website [www.cvms.co.uk/admissions](http://www.cvms.co.uk/admissions) from 4.30pm on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>. The same will apply for Year 12 Open evening, available from 5.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

## Bidding Prayers for the week:

**We ask God our Father to grant us to share in his work of mercy, the mercy which makes sense of all that we endure in our lives on earth:**

For the Pope: that he may be a sign of the power of mercy; that in a ministry of mercy he may show the world that God is with us.

We pray that people be a little more understanding and take seriously the effects of Covid-19 and respect and obey rules set out by the government.

For all those who seek forgiveness but cannot find strength in themselves to accept mercy: may there be a moment in their life where they suddenly find their way to let go of old wrongs and be reconciled to God.

For the each of us gathered here – that we forgive those who have hurt us, show mercy to those who have wronged us, refrain from harsh judgements about other people and use our energy to build relationships of love and mercy.

We pray for those starting university and leaving home for the first time. May the Holy Spirit bless and protect them on their new path, helping them to be happy, healthy individuals.

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 loving Father, in your mercy we ask you to hear the prayers we offer you. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

### Meditate

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" we pray in the Our Father every day. The tragedy of today's parable is the short memory of the servant. We are appalled by such behaviour without realising that we are that servant who does not forgive. The only way which will bring us to forgive is by remembering the times God has forgiven us.

### Act

Forgiveness is not forgetfulness, on the contrary, we remember the wrong done to us and decided not to retaliate. The first step to forgiving someone is to pray for them. Think of someone you need to pray for and do so at mass today.

## REST IN PEACE

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

**Patricia Frost, Michael Nsiah, and all those who have died with the Pandemic.**

Pat Frost's Requiem will take place here on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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: WRC DT Feltham**

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

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS**