

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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24th Sunday of the Year

14th/15th September 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 136: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32
Next Week: 25th Sunday of the Year: Page: 140: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13



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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

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Dear Friends

I wonder how many of you have ever been lost. I know that I have, both actually lost in a foreign city and spiritually lost on my own personal pilgrimage of life. It might be fair to say that in both situations but in different ways I had lost my way. These days it's too easy to lose our way, and sadly the reality of our contemporary era is that we don't have to look too far, (and indeed sometimes we need only look at ourselves), to see people worshipping their pop idols or sporting team or shopping for things that they have no need of.

In today's First Reading the Israelites had certainly lost their way. These people, who had been freed from slavery by the mercy of God, repaid God's infinite mercy by worshipping a calf they themselves had made from molten metal. The theme of God's mercy is continued in the Psalm and in the Second Reading. I sometimes think that we as a Catholic community don't reflect upon the psalms in a prayerful way, perhaps just seeing it as a musical interlude between the two readings, but today's psalm with its theme of mercy is an appropriate link between the two readings and the Gospel.

The irony of today's Gospel is that mercy isn't mentioned at all. We have three parables, the last one "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" is probably among the best known parables in the New Testament. This reveals to us that the theme of today's Gospel is mercy. Mercy is what motivated the father to forgive his son. Only when the younger son was at his lowest ebb did he think of returning to his father's house. The younger son was both the lost sheep and the lost drachma and the joy that was felt by the father was the same joy that was experienced by both the shepherd and the woman in the earlier parables. Similarly, the Israelites in the desert were at a low ebb and indeed so was St Paul before his conversion as he illustrated for us when he said to Timothy that his behaviour towards Christians was because of his ignorance of the mercy of God received through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

And so it must be with each and every one of us. We are, all of us at times lost, we are, all of us at times prone to behaviour such as pride, self-assurance and dare I suggest even arrogance. But like the Israelites in the desert, St Paul and the Prodigal Son, we must always be ready to embrace God's mercy and be reborn into a new life reconciled to God.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Reign Marie Phillips and Joseph Peter Butler who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020

The Sunday School programme is now underway. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

The next Class is on **Tuesday 17th 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 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

FINANCE MEETING

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

GOSPEL MUSICIANS

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

SCHOOL RUN

Would all parents/guardians/carers please note that The Green is not to be used to drop off your children, it is a private access road. This is becoming a health and safety issue with residents and people coming to Church. There is ample free car parking at Feltham Leisure West and at Tesco both of which are a short walk to the school.

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. See leaflet on notice board for full programme.



DIARY DATES

Sunday 6th October 11am Mass – Enrolment Mass for Sunday School children
Saturday 12th October – Eucharistic Ministers Retreat Day
Saturday 2nd November – Readers Retreat Day
21/22, 28/29 September, 5/6, 12/13 – October - Annual Mass Count
12/13 October – Talk on CAFOD and Harvest Fast Collection
Sunday 3rd November – Messy Church – 10-11am in the Parish Centre
Saturday 30th November – Catechists Retreat Day

Thank you for your generosity in the last week's collection:
7-8 September: Envelopes £637.75 Loose £1,053.59
 Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,460.34**



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

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 soul of **Bimla Joseph RIP** who passed away recently. Her funeral will take place here on **Monday 16th September** at 11.00am. Please also keep her family and friends and all who mourn her in your prayers.

THE CAR PARK BARRIER WILL BE DOWN ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER – NO PARKING AVAILABLE IN CHURCH.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon 16	09.30 11.00	Emelia Potts RIP (5 th Anniversary) REQUIEM MASS – BIMLA JOSEPH RIP
Tues 17	09.30	Joseph Hurley RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 18	09.00 09.15 09.30 10.15 10.30 10.45	Morning Prayer Welcoming Procession of Our Lady of Fatima Jackie Russell RIP Talk, Consecration of the Two Hearts, Blessing of Scapulars, Final Blessing & Enrolment in Brown Scapular Farewell to Our Lady
Thurs 19	09.30	Edmund Simon Gonsalves RIP
Fri 20	09.30	Hourihan Family (Intention)
Sat 21	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Sabino, Sebastiana, Agnelo & Jacinta Rato RIP Baptisms of Olivia-Leigh Margetson and Ezra Santiago Kendry Sacrament of Reconciliation For the intentions of the Power Family
Sun 22	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	For the intention of the 9am Choir Dylan De Costa in Birthday Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Sr Isabela Rufina Coutinho RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Sid Brown RIP