

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15th/16th SEPTEMBER 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Page 132: Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Next Week: Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year: Page 135: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 53; James 3:16, 4:3; Mark 9:30-37



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Last week in the newsletter Fr. John kindly welcomed me to the parish. As he mentioned, I was in Brazil for 17 years. The first 10 years were spent primarily in the city of Sao Paulo where I did extensive work with youth in the 'favelas' or slums of the city. The last 7 years were spent on the Rio Negro in the Amazons. My parish was 123,000km², almost as big as England itself! There were no roads, just rivers, and in addition to the Parish Church and 11 chapels in the main town, there were also about 40 riverside communities spread sparsely throughout the area. The furthest took 3 to 4 days to get to by boat. Due to the lack of time, the workload and the seasonal climatic changes many of these communities were visited just once a year, as a result many people were able to attend just one Mass in this time.

I thank God for the opportunity to have had the privilege to serve my brothers and sisters in these parts of the world where people are much less fortunate than us. I have learnt so much from them and will be forever indebted.

Providence has now brought me to Feltham and my mission continues. I hope to be of use as your assistant priest and will try to serve as best I can in spite of my many shortcomings.

I would like to thank all of you here at St. Lawrence who have made me feel so welcome during this first month since my arrival. Hopefully we can work together to serve the local community as the Servant Church of Christ.

"The Church is not in the world to condemn, but to bring about an encounter with the visceral love of God's mercy. For this to happen it's necessary to go out. To go out from Churches and parishes, to go out and reach people where they are at, where they are suffering, where they are waiting." (Pope Francis)

Thank you,

Fr. Peter

Protecting your Privacy:

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.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Rayna Maya Alfonso, Josiah Lusadiso, Isaac Luzieto Siami, Kyla Keira Flanagan and Zaira Wynne DeJesus who will be baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

The first preparation Class will take place on **Saturday 29th September** from 4.45 to 5.45pm followed by 6pm Mass.

CHILDREN WHO WERE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 2017-18

The first class for the second year of instruction will be on **Tuesday 25th September at 4.30pm** in the Parish Centre. You then also join the First Holy Communion Preparation Class on **Saturday 29th September** at 4.45pm as above.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registrations took place last week but there is still time for you to register your child if you have not already done so. Your child has to be in Year 2 or above and not attending a Catholic School. We require your child to attend Sunday School for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. The programme takes place every Sunday in term time from 10am to 10.45 in St Lawrence's School. Please see Fr John if you require more details.

CONFIRMATION THANKSGIVING MASS

The Thanksgiving Mass will take place on **Saturday 22nd September** at 6pm when Certificates will be issued to those who made the Sacrament this year.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Enrolment for Confirmation will take place at the end of September/beginning of October. *Watch this space for dates!!*

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU

The celebration for Our Lady's birthday was a great success and a sum of £265.22 was raised for the Parish Centre. Thank you to the Filipino community for organising this event.

FR GREGORY

There will be a second collection for Fr Gregory next weekend, **22nd/23rd September**, in appreciation for his time with us and his ministry here. The collection will help him with his new parish when he returns to Ghana at the end of the month.

CATECHISTS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Catechists on **Saturday 22nd September at 4.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

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. The next session is on **September 18th**.

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. **There is a clipboard in the sacristy for you to sign and indicate if you are able to attend.**

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John and Fr Peter will be available for School Form signing on the following dates. Please put your name on the lists in the porch. There are two lots of 15 slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and Certificate of Catholic Practice and wait in Church.

Tuesdays: September 25, October 2 – 3.45-5.30pm
Saturdays: September 29, October 6 – 9.30-10.30am

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Bright Sparks (Mother & Toddler Group) are holding a Coffee morning on **Wednesday 26th September** from 10-11am in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Prizes for best cake and cupcake.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see flyers on the notice board for Open Day information at St Paul's, St Mark's, Gunnersbury, Gumley and Cardinal Vaughan Schools for Year 7 entry in 2019.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

All readers please keep **Saturday 10th November** free for a day of Reflection starting with Mass at 12noon.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Annual Mass Count will take place over four weekends commencing next weekend 22/23 September.

PILGRIMAGES

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK, IRELAND

Dates: **6th-9th September 2019**. The price per person is £499
Booking Forms and deposits are due in by 30th September at the latest.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

All those booked for the Walsingham Pilgrimage please be at the top of the entrance to The Green **by 6.30am on Saturday 22nd September** so that we can board and leave promptly at 6.45am. Please bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day and dress for all types of weather. **I am still awaiting payment from 8 people. Please do so by Wednesday 19th September.**

REST IN PEACE

DANIEL O'SULLIVAN RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel O'Sullivan RIP who died recently. His funeral will take place here on **Friday 28th September** at 11.00am. Please also keep in your prayers his family and all those who mourn him.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Anita Calmiano RIP (Anniversary) Baptisms of Rayna Maya Alfonso, Josiah Lusadiso & Isaac Luzieto Siami Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the Gill and Foxen Families RIP
Sun 16 th	09.00 11.00 12.00 13.00 18.00	Bernardine Doran (Intention) People of the Parish Baptisms of Kyla Keira Flanagan and Zaira Wynne De Jesus Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Emelia Potts RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 17 th	09.30	Sandy Sandford RIP
Tues 18 th	09.30	Deceased members of the Pham Family
Wed 19 th	09.30	Rian & Martin Torres (Intention)
Thurs 20 th	09.30	Hourihan Family (Intention)
Fri 21 st	09.30	Victor & Jeromia Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Sat 22 nd	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 15.00 17.00 18.00 19.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Acedick & Benedict Masulit in Thanksgiving (with Reception of Arditen Kola and Sean Hendley) Baptism of Marnie Belle Reynolds Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Joaquim & Estella Rodrigues RIP (Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass) Polish Retreat and Mass - Padre Pio
Sun 23 rd	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Colin Macken (Intention) Felicia Araba Forson RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Ndangang Family in Thanksgiving		

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:

8-9 September: Envelopes £892.12; Loose: £1011.07;
Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,570.19**