

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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25th Sunday of the Year

21st/22nd September 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 140: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13
Next Week: 26th Sunday of the Year: Page: 143: Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31



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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 think that there only a few people who would disagree with my comment that "we live in troubled times". Certainly there is political uncertainty, which leads to social injustice, this inevitably leads to a few people out to make a vast fortune by exploiting those who are more vulnerable than themselves. I thank God that we have organisations such as CAFOD who transcend national borders and cultural identities to work with the poorest and weakest on our planet.

Today's first reading from the book of Amos was written about eight hundred years before Christ. I must admit that I consider it a failure of humanity that the same social injustice that we witness in the 21st century is not so different from the social injustice witnessed by Amos almost three thousand years ago.

In today's Gospel the dishonest steward is an interesting character. At the time of Christ, it was common for the steward to be able to enter into contract with others and charge a commission, which in this case at 50% and 20% was extortionate. So the steward, who knew he was being sacked effectively wrote off his commission and paid the master what was due to the master, and at the same time making the end users beholden to himself as he had written off part of their debt. I'll leave it to you to decide if this was shrewd business practice or corruption. In either scenario the boss still got all that was owed to him and the poor and most vulnerable still had to buy their wheat and their oil.

And as today's Gospel warns us that we cannot serve both God and material riches we must ask ourselves that we who have access to luxuries like clean drinking water, good sanitation and 24 hour electricity supplies, can sit and watch whilst those in the developing world, are still dying from preventable diseases such as malaria.

Psalm 112 emphasises for us Amos' care of the poor, and is therefore good news for all who are willing to care for or work towards improving conditions for the most needy. To pray this psalm effectively we must live it, perhaps by asking ourselves how do we relate to the poor within our community and in the wider world.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Olivia-Leigh Margetson and Ezra Santiago Kendry who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The enrolment Mass for Sunday School Children will take place on **Sunday 6th October** at the 11am Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

The next Class is on **Tuesday 24th September** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next class is on **Saturday 28th September** at 4.30pm followed by Mass at 6pm

CONFIRMATION 2020

Registration is now complete for Group One. The First Confirmation Class for Parents and Candidates is on **Thursday 26th September** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Annual Mass Count starts this weekend. All ushers and those from our different Ethnic Chaplaincies please take your counting sheet and return to Fr John after Mass.

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 23rd September** at 7.30pm. We will enjoy a talk by Doreen on "Holidays in the Hopfields."

ST LAWRENCE'S FELTHAM HOLIDAY CLUB

Caritas will be hosting a meeting on **Monday 30th September** in the Parish Centre at 7pm to discuss next steps for the Holiday Club day to be held in October. All those who had signed up to volunteer at this programme please attend.

GOSPEL MUSICIANS

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

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

On **Sunday 19th October** there will be an exhibition after the morning Masses to commemorate the 17,000 Polish people who lost their lives in the war.

There is also a 303 Squadron Memorial 5k run on the 19th October starting at 11.00am at Springwest Academy.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

ST PAUL'S: Open Day and Evening for Admission to Year 7 in 2020 will be held on **Thursday, 26th September 2019**, 8.45 am – 10.15 am, 11.00 am – 12.20 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm (tours last approximately 1 hour – no appointment necessary). Address by the Headteacher, James Mc Nulty at 6.45 pm and 7.30 pm
Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on **Wednesday 2nd October 2019** from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. Address from the Head of Sixth Form at 6.30 pm. Taster Day on Friday 4th October.

ST MARK'S: **Wednesday 25th September** (Morning only) 9.00-10.30am and **Thursday 3rd October** (morning and evening) 9.00-10.30am and 5.00-9.00pm.

GUMLEY HOUSE: **Thursday 26th September** 6.00-8.00pm. Last Tour 7.15. Head's Talk -7.45pm.

Opening mornings: **Thursday 26th September** 9.00-12noon and **Tuesday 8th October** 9.00am-12noon. Head's Talk: 10.40am.

See notice board for other schools

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

5/6 October – Harvest Fast Collection

12/13 October – Talk on CAFOD Climate Change

Sunday 3rd November – Messy Church – 10-11am in the Parish Centre

Sunday 3rd November – Blessing of Graves

Saturday 30th November – Catechists Retreat Day

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.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Roy Jones RIP** who passed away recently. His funeral will take place here on **Tuesday 24th September** at 11.00am. Please also keep his family and friends and all who mourn him in your prayers.

THE CAR PARK BARRIER WILL BE DOWN ON TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER – NO PARKING AVAILABLE IN CHURCH AND NO PARKING ON THE GREEN.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon 23	09.30	Nathaniel Fernandes in Birthday Thanksgiving
Tues 24	09.30 11.00	Fr Gerry Burke RIP REQUIEM MASS – Roy Jones RIP
Wed 25	09.30	Ann Nicholas in Thanksgiving – 60 th B'day
Thurs 26	09.30	Mary Hehir RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Fri 27	09.30	Jerome Barreto in Thanksgiving
Sat 28	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 15.00 16.30 17.00 18.00 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Ruzario Luis Souza and Domiana Assuncao Colaco RIP Baptism of Cameron Jacey Thiago Quan-Vie Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino community Mass in Polish (Special Celebration) Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased family members of Timothy Fernandes RIP Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 29	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Michael & Sutorina Coelho RIP Michael & Christine Bigley RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Egidio Rodrigues RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Luis D'Souza in Thanksgiving and Good Health		

Thank you for your generosity in the last week's collection:

14-15 September: Envelopes £ Loose £
Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £**