

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

**Readings:** Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Page 138: Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
**Next Week:** Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year: Page 140: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16



## Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Conference Liverpool 2018

Dear Friends,

Earlier in the month of September I was privileged (along with a few fellow parishioners) to attend the Adoremus Conference in Liverpool.

I apologise for suggesting this but sadly many of us (and I have been guilty of this myself) get up on a Sunday, go to Mass, go to Communion, go home, and then the following Sunday, get up, go to Mass, go to Communion, go home and so on. We do this without actually stopping to reflect on why we come to Mass and why we receive The Eucharist.

I can't recall an event at any time in my life that has reconnected me to the Eucharist in the way that this event has done.

Over two days we listened to keynote speakers who truly challenged us to think again about our own relationship with the Church and with the Eucharist. For example, we were reminded that the word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving, and that the Church is not just bricks and mortar, as that would only define the buildings. The Church is the Body of Christ and we are the Pilgrim People of God, making our way on our journey through history.

On Sunday, we had Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Liverpool. This was attended by 2,500 people from inside the Cathedral and an estimated 6,000 people who were outside the Cathedral.

Before the procession the Cardinal reminded us that we walk as penitents, with no pride or triumphalism. We come before Our Lord Jesus Christ as beggars with little or nothing to offer. We walk with humility asking for forgiveness for we must be conscious that we are all sinners.

Before you go home today could I ask that you all look inside the back cover of the Parish Mass Book. Written there you will find a few prayers. One is titled "Jesus our Brother". Please take a few minutes to read and reflect on this beautiful prayer and then perhaps consider if there is any way you could help our parish in the future.

Finally, I realise that my comments in this newsletter have barely scratched the surface of the resources that were available to me and my fellow attendees, but if you follow the link below you will find all the keynote talks that were given in Liverpool. Some are quite long (about an hour) but they are truly inspirational and I urge you to watch and listen at your earliest opportunity. My understanding is that they will be available for 12 months and that some will also be made available on YouTube.

Have a blessed week,

**Deacon Colin**

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage/Content-Overview>

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## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Teddy Patrick Ellis who will be baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to his family. Our congratulations to Shaun Howard and Arditen Kola who were received into full communion with the Catholic church last weekend.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

There is still time to register your child for Sunday School 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

### 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, 3rd October** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

### CONFIRMATION 2019

Enrolment for Confirmation will take place after the half term break from 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## PARISH NOTICES

### FR GREGORY

Fr Gregory's time with us has come to an end for this year and we say goodbye to him as he returns home to Ghana this weekend. Thank you for your generosity in the collection last week and to all those who generously provided food, entertained him, etc. during his stay. We thank him for serving us and being part of our parish family and look forward to seeing him.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Annual General Meeting for Churches Together takes place on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October** in the Parish Centre at 7pm. All welcome

### SCHOOL MASS

On **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** we welcome the children of St Lawrence's School for their Harvest Mass at 9.30am.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** at 7pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

### CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Next Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day and envelopes are available for your donations. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please sign the declaration form. Collections will be taken up next **weekend 6/7<sup>th</sup> October** after all Masses.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** is First Friday and there will be the usual CAFOD Coffee morning after the 9.30am Mass.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** at 7pm in the Presbytery.

### 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> October**.

### LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing Class will commence on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm. £4.00 per session. See notice board for future dates.

### DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers we look forward to seeing you on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** for a Day of Reflection starting at 11am with Adoration in Church. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

### DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

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

### STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generosity with items for the foodbank. However, please check the dates on your products before bringing them in as many are out of date (some even 2 years out of date) and have to be thrown away.

## 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.

**Tuesday: October 2 – 3.45-5.30pm;**

**Saturday: October 6 – 9.30-10.30am**

## NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

We will be taking a group of Altar Servers from the Parish to a special Mass for Altar Servers to be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm**. We plan to leave the Church at 11.00am and return by 5.00pm. A letter for parents is available in the sacristy. Please take one, complete and return as soon as possible.

## THANK YOU

*I have been very touched by the many good wishes from parishioners on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and am especially grateful to the children of St Lawrence's school for their beautiful basket of flowers. Thank you so much and God bless you all. Bernardine Doran*

## 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.

## PILGRIMAGES

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK, IRELAND

Dates: **6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. The price per person is £499 including return transfer, flight with hand luggage, half board accommodation. Please see flyer on the noticeboard.

**Booking Forms need to be returned with your deposit to the Parish Office by 29<sup>th</sup> September.** You need to have Travel Insurance in order to travel, just the EHIC card is not sufficient.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Johnson Adeneye RIP (Anniversary) Baptism of Teddy Ellis Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Justin Dias in Birthday Thanksgiving Michael & Christine Bigley RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Jose Carlos Da Silva RIP (First Anniversary)
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	09.30	Ralston Van Sanden RIP
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09.30	Michael Doherty RIP
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09.30	Myra Hayes RIP (Anniversary) (School Harvest Mass)
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	09.30	Neiva Botelho in Thanksgiving – 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family Baptism of Nickloy Fernandes and Myles Jet Wei Young Sacrament of Reconciliation Power Family (Intention)
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Richard Cribb RIP Edith Maple (Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel D'Souza (Intention)

**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:**

22-23 September: Envelopes £712.22; Loose: £963.86;

Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,343.08**