

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th/17th September 2023



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Year A, Volume 2 (Page 128): Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7; Psalm 102; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday 24/9/2023: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 131): Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-6

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Protecting your Privacy:

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www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Dear Friends,

I am sure that by now you will have all heard that Sr Mary O'Malley died on Friday 8th September following a short illness. I am also sure that many of you will remember her from the work that she has done in our parish where she somehow combined her pastoral ministry with that of catechist. On a personal note, when I was a new parent in 1996 she prepared my wife and myself for the baptism of our daughter. She also prepared our daughter for her First Holy Communion in 2003, and now that daughter also serves our parish as a catechist and a governor at our school. I sometimes reflect on the message of Our Lord Jesus Christ that has been passed through the generations and without a doubt, people like Sr Mary, who have dedicated their entire lives to ministry, have given everything it is possible to give and then given some more.

*May the soul of Sr Mary, your faithful servant
rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Sadly, there are not enough Sr Mary's in the world, and we don't have to look too far to see human wickedness. God could justly demand revenge for our human failings, but in today's gospel Matthew illustrates for us how the master generously forgave a large debt. But the debtor forgiven in the parable failed to forgive a small debt owed to him by his fellow servant. Quite frankly, he had been shown mercy and he offered none.

I don't suppose we need to be believers to know that we should be fair and just, or that we should love families and friends. But God's forgiveness sets us free to love indiscriminately, just as Sr Mary did with her life's work towards a kingdom of peace and justice.

Today's gospel makes clear the nature and the power of forgiveness. God forgives us a great debt. We cannot want to be like the wicked servant in the parable, enforcing a penalty over so little when he had been forgiven so much. Every time we attend Mass (and at several other times during the day), we pray The Lord's Prayer, we ask for forgiveness, and at the same time we commit to forgive those who trespass against us. To be truly forgiven or to truly forgive others is a liberating gift that is sent to us from our Heavenly Father.

Have a blessed week.

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Thank you to those who have enrolled. Enrolment is still open
CONFIRMATION 2024 ENROLMENT

The deadline for enrolment is 17th September 2023.

Please email or call Cathy Early (details over the page) for an application form and session dates.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith? If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you are thinking about becoming a Catholic please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732 if you would like to have your child baptised.

MARRIAGES

At least six months' notice is required for the preparation of marriage paperwork, especially for marriages taking place overseas. Contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732 as early on in your marriage plans.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available for School Form signing on the following dates.

Tuesday 19 & 26 September and 3 October

Time: 3.30pm-5.30pm

Please put your name on the lists on the notice board in the church porch. There are **20** slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and wait in Church including the Baptism Certificate and Certificate of Catholic Practice forms. If you are unable to make these times please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM... Saturday 23rd September

The Theme of the Pilgrimage is "Mary, Mother of the Home". The coach will be by the entrance to The Green (Browells Lane) and will **depart at 6.45am**. **Brief itinerary: 11.30am Welcome, 12noon Mass, 1.30pm Lunch, 2.15pm Gather for procession along the Holy Mile, 3.45pm Prayers & Benediction in the Priory, 4.30pm Departures**. There will be two collections – one during Mass and one retiring collection after Benediction, both for the upkeep of the Shrine. If you feel you will not be able to walk the Holy Mile in procession after lunch please let Florie know so that alternative arrangements can be made. Please carry refreshments to last the day (food and drink). There is usually one brief comfort break each way. The school car park will be open for those coming to church by car. Come prepared for all types of weather - wear comfortable shoes.

COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS

We welcome Sr Asmeret A Abreha of the Comboni Missionary Sisters for a Mission Appeal this weekend. There will be a retiring collection at the end of all Masses. Please see poster and leaflet on the church notice board giving information about their work around the world.

COFFEE MORNING FOR THE ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

Helen Hurley will be hosting a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 24th September** in aid of the Zimbabwean Orphans. Offers of help much appreciated. Donations of cakes would be welcome. There will also be a sale of good quality small items (no clothes, bedding, curtains, coats) and donations of items gratefully received. Contact Helen on 07950 681325.

MASS INTENTIONS

We do not have any spaces left for Mass Intentions for this year. Would the person who handed in 3 Mass Intentions to Fr Gregory on 7th September please contact Florie as soon as possible.

SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

All senior members in the parish including those who cannot always get to Church are invited to a special Mass in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 1st October at 2.30pm**. This will be followed by tea and a social gathering. Please phone Fr John (0787 905 8732) to confirm your attendance.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL

This weekend we also have a Pastoral letter from the Cardinal. Copies available at the back of Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16	11.00am	Isa Family in Thanksgiving for prayers answered
	5.00pm	Emelia Potts RIP (9 th Anniversary)
* Sun 17	8.00am	Bartholomew & Mariquinha Fernandes RIP
	9.30am	Anthony John D'Souza RIP (3 rd Ann)
	11.00am	John Joseph Hurley RIP (Anniversary)
	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Mon 18	2.30pm	Mass in Malayalam
	8.15am	Gail Fernandes in Thanksgiving – 21 st Birthday
Tues 19	9.30am	Noreen Murphy RIP
	7.00pm	Joseph Adeni Badejo in Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 20	9.30am	Marcelino Mendes & Paulina Araujo RIP
Thurs 21	9.30am	Luis & Mary Silveira in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary
Fri 22	9.30am	Michael McManus RIP (4 th Anniversary)
	10.30am	Cayson Cunha – 2 nd Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 23	11.00am	REQUIEM MASS – PAUL FENLON RIP
	3.00pm	Stephanie Fernandes in Thanksgiving
	5.00pm	Mass in Tagalog
	7.00pm	Deceased members of the Gill & Foxen Families
* Sun 24	8.00am	Mass in Ukrainian
	9.30am	Cianza Fernandes – 1 st Birthday Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Rita & Luis Fernandes RIP
	1.00pm	Mama Felicia A Forson RIP
	2.30pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Sanctuary Lamp: Bartholomew & Mariquinha Fernandes RIP		

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Sr Mary O'Malley RIP, John Paul Lafferty RIP, Eileen Hilda O'Flynn, Marge Millyard RIP, Paul Fenlon RIP, Helen Shinn RIP, Theresa Ryan RIP, Anne Byrne RIP and Violet Payne RIP** who died recently.

Paul Fenlon RIP – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Friday 22nd September** at 10.30am.

Eileen Hilda O'Flynn RIP – Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 26th September** at 11am.

Marge Millyard RIP – Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 3rd October** at 11am.

Please also keep their families and friends in your prayers.

EARLY RISERS AND TEDDS CLUB

Spaces available in September for the *Early Risers Breakfast Club* and *Tedds After School Club*. Please contact Kathy Prasad for the *Breakfast Club* on 07539 498952 or email earlyriser19@gmail.com or Sarah Allfree for *Tedds Club* on 07971 994669

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE – OPEN EVENTS

Open Mornings - Admission to Year 7 in 2024

Thursday 21st September, 28th September and 5th October

Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am *No appointment necessary*

Open Evening

Thursday 21st September from 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Headteacher Evening Address at 6.00 pm and 7.00pm

Sixth Form Open Evening - Admission to Year 12 in 2024

Wednesday 27th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Open Evenings for Year 7 (First Form pupils)

These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend.

They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school. **Tuesday 19th September 2023**. The Headmaster will speak

at 4.30pm and 6.00pm. Full details are available on our website

<https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

9-10 Sept: Loose: £1,392.62 Envelopes: £241.12 **Total: £1,633.74**

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=262>

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham Sort code: 40-05-20 – Acc. No: 71095528

The Annual Mass Count starts next weekend (23-24 September) for the next four weeks.