

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Year B Vol 2:- (Page 106): Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

21<sup>st</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 109): Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

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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: 9.30am 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.30pm & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 3pm; Mass led by

Nigerian Chaplaincy 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2.30pm.

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## Dear Friends,

I don't suppose for a moment that any of you could have failed to notice that we have chosen a new Prime Minister and government for our country. Like generations of politicians before them, victory has been won by assurances of a fairer and a more just society, where everyone is valued, whilst at the same time a promise to make us all better off seems to have been made. Perhaps I am old enough now to be a bit cynical, but it seems to me that more is being offered but at a lower cost. That said, please pray for our new government that they don't make similar mistakes of all our previous governments throughout the generations, and that they deliver on their promises.

Today's readings assure us that we have been chosen. This is no politicians promise but there will be a cost. So is it worth it? The prophet Amos was chosen by God to be a prophet and his task was to engage with godlessness and with the terrible economic injustices in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. We are reminded that racism is nothing new when the priest of Bethel, Amaziah, told Amos to return to Judah to earn his living and do his prophesying there. Amos was quick to reply that he had not chosen to be a prophet, and that he was merely a shepherd and a person who looked after sycamores. It was the Lord who took him from the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go prophesy to my people Israel." I guess that as in modern times, Amos discovered that prophesying against the exploitation of the poor, will always attract opposition from the rich and the powerful.

In today's Gospel Jesus sends the twelve out with authority to confront evil spirits and to heal, but he warns them that they and their message will not always be welcome. Despite such opposition, God's call to us, is indeed very good news. The letter to the Ephesians spells out just how good it is. "We were chosen before the world was made." God "chose us in Christ to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence."

This wonderful good news of God's love for each one of us is no empty politicians promise. It is the result of God's "own kind purposes." Through the death of Christ, God has made us his children, given us our freedom and the forgiveness of our sins. And it is all a gift, because that is what grace means, a wonderfully generous, wholly undeserved gift. And as it says in today's second reading, "Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us." And this grace means that we have been given to understand God's "hidden plan" that the whole of history will come to its fulfilment in Christ.

I know I often say that to be a Christian is challenging and that to be a Catholic Christian is particularly challenging, and of course, this is the cost of being a Christian, but if we open our hearts to God in gratitude, we will be ready to face the challenges of living in 21st century Feltham. Perhaps now at this time of change we could all spend some time meditating on the meaning of scripture and in doing so achieve a greater understanding of our own Baptism and Confirmation, ultimately to accept that as Christians we are the chosen ones and not as in electoral terms, the ones who are doing the choosing.

**Have a blessed week**

**Deacon Colin**

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all who came to the Healing Mass and Tea Party last Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many of you and to chat with you in the parish centre afterwards.

We are truly grateful to everyone who helped in any way: drivers, welcomers, helpers, those who did all the cooking of the beautiful food, serving, and of course the clearing up at the end.

So many have expressed their gratitude and how much they appreciated and enjoyed the afternoon.

Once again, a big thank you to all.

FR. JOHN

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Fr John will be leaving St Lawrence's to take up an appointment as Parish Priest in Tring in September.

Fr John will truly be missed and we thank him for his hard work, dedication, drive and all he has accomplished in the parish and all he has done for us especially with the sick and housebound.

The new Parish Priest will be Fr Mike Maguire who is currently the Precentor at the Cathedral. Some of you may remember Fr Mike from his stay here during his placement at FYOI and also from pilgrimages to Lourdes.

## THE NEW LECTIONARY AND MASS BOOKS

From the First Sunday of Advent this year, we will start using the new translation of the readings and this means we will have to change the Lectionaries as well as the Parish Mass Books. The Lectionary is a set of 4 volumes and we are looking to purchase two sets, an Ambo and Chapel edition. We will also be purchasing a Book of Gospels.

We will need to buy Parish Mass Books - 700 copies per liturgical year (total of 2,100 book for the 3 year cycle @ £4.95 each). This will mean a considerable cost to the parish.

From your generous donations we have now covered the cost of the 2 Lectionary sets and the Books of Gospels.

If you would like to contribute towards the purchasing of the Parish Mass Books you would be very welcome.

Please speak to Fr John or Florie in the parish office for more details. Thank you to those who have contributed so far.

Please do not use the Dona Contactless Machine for your donation as we do not have a category for the books. Either pay by cheque, cash or direct bank transfer with your name as a reference and 'Lectionaries'. Thank you.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025

Applications are now open for our **First Holy Communion** starting in September for those who will be in Year 3 or above in September and attending a Catholic School.

The **Walk with Jesus (Sunday School)** programme is for those children in Year 2 and above in September in non-Catholic Schools.

Confirmation registrations are now open.

Parents whose children are preparing for the Sacraments or anyone in the parish would be interested in becoming a catechist to help with Walk with Jesus, First Holy Communion or Confirmation please speak to or email Cathy Early.

Please email Cathy Early (details over the page) and copy Florie at [feltham@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:feltham@rcdow.org.uk) for an application form and session dates, as Cathy is not available for the next two weeks. The closing date for First Holy Communion is 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL

On **Tuesday 16th July 2024** at 2pm St Lawrence School are celebrating our Year 6 leavers with a special Mass. This Mass will also include staff who are retiring in July, including our long standing Deputy Head, Evelyn Thompson. All are welcome to attend

## FRIENDS CIRCLE (FORMER UCM)

The next meeting will be on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** at 12.30pm.

## WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The last session for this year takes place this **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July** after the 9.30am Mass.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13	9.30-10.45am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession
	11.00am	Saturnina Filomena Do Rosario RIP (1st Anniversary)
	5.00pm	Philihemona Pires RIP
✠ Sun 14	8.00am	Domingos Santana Fernandes & Amelia Rebello RIP
	9.30am	Silas Dias RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00am	Kevin Michael Johnston RIP
	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass in Ukrainian
Mon 15	9.30am	Delfina Joanna & Capistrano Joao Dias RIP
Tues 16	9.30am	Emita Pereira RIP
Wed 17	9.30am	Mr & Mrs Joseph Carvalho, Agapit Carvalho & Auria D'Souza RIP
Thurs 18	9.30am	Eileen Galligan (Intention)
Fri 19	9.30am	Natalie Maximin & Renie Perez (Intention)
Sat 20	9.30-10.45am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession
	11.00am	Milagros & Rustum Pavia RIP
	5.00pm	James Fitzgerald RIP
✠ Sun 21	8.00am	Ernesto Jessie Vicera RIP (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	9.30am	Joyce Rosario in Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Terry & May McGeachie RIP
	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass in Malayalam

Sanctuary Lamp: Dieseru Family Intentions

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Godfrey Freemantle RIP, Bernardine Doran RIP, Margaret (Peggy) Grufferty RIP.**

**Godfrey Freemantle RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm** followed by committal at Hanworth Crematorium.

Please keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

## THE ROSARY

During the week, the Rosary will be recited on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays after the 9.30am Mass unless there is something else happening in church on those days i.e. funeral, school mass, etc.

## ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - OPEN EVENTS

### Admission to Year 7 in 2025

**Open Mornings** - Thursday 26th September, 3rd October and 10th October. Tours from 8.45am, 9.00 am and 9.15 am

*No appointment necessary*

**Open Evening** - Thursday 26th September from 5.30pm - 7.30 pm

Headteacher Evening Address at 5.45 pm and 6.30 pm

### Sixth Form Open Evening

### Admission to Year 12 in 2025

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30 pm

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**6-7 July:** Loose: £1,587.25 Envelopes: £196.00

**Total: £1,783.25**

Donations towards Lectionaries: £2,169.00 to date. Thank you very much

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## PARISH EVENTS

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Memorial Mass for Sister Katherine O'Reilly RIP at 11.00am, followed by light refreshments in the parish hall.

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Fr John will celebrate all the weekend Masses. The 11.00am Mass on Sunday will have an international theme with participation from our ethnic groups.

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Farewell reception for Fr John in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate of finger food from your country of origin to share.

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Fr Mike Maguire arrives in the Parish