

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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27th/28th July 2024

Year B Vol 2:- (Page 112): 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

4 August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 114): Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

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,

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.

Rosary – Monday & Friday– 10am

Devotion to St Anthony –Tuesday 10am

Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help – Wednesday 10am

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A CALL FOR GENEROSITY.

Dearest in the Lord, I wondered how our lives and the entire universe would have been without the spirit of generosity. Notably, being generous is in fact another nature of God. He went into the creation of humanity because he wants us to be partakers of his generous nature. This act was made manifest during the time of creation according to the Scripture, which states that “God made man and woman in their own image and likeness” (Gen.1: 26-27).

Therefore, for God to allow the humankind to be shearers of his nature, is the climax of generosity. However, despite the fact that the early man and woman failed to utilize their opportunity of generosity properly, Eve tried to share her generous gift of apple with her husband, and that led them to the life of disobedience. Yet, God does not abandon them but still gives them privilege to live. At this point, we observed that the act of humans has generated the act of generosity in two dimensions: which includes the positive and negative act of generosity.

Generosity is the willingness to share or to give out whatever gift one has for others. It is wise to remark that, generosity is not limited to the act of giving money or material things as charity, rather it goes beyond. It includes the acts of appreciation, commendation, love, mercy, compassion, and mostly being generous with one’s talents, time and knowledge. The act of generosity is positive when we are able to share the above-mentioned gifts with others without leading one to sin and without expectation of reward from them in any kind. Any act of generosity that does not point towards God is a negative act of generosity.

Moreover, the readings of today presented to us the pure acts of generosity by Prophet Elisha, a little boy and Our Lord Jesus himself. Elisha ordered his gifts to be shared among the people (2Kgs.4:42). In the gospel, a little boy submitted his five loaves of bread and two fish to be shared among the multitude of people. He gave out his entire daily meal for the sake of many. What a good heart of generosity. Our Lord Jesus crowned it all by the power of his blessings, feeding the people to their satisfactions.

My beloved in Christ, we are being challenged today to follow up with this call, of being generous with one another no matter the tribe, race or colour, language or country or age, having in mind that we are all made of one Lord, one faith and one baptism (Eph.4:4-6). Thus, it is good to mention that, generosity goes with unimaginable rewards and blessings from God. For instance, people like Abraham entertained unknown visitors (Gen.18:1-15), the woman of Zarephath (1Kgs:17:8-24) etc. Our Lord Jesus, also made clear that the measure one gives is the measure he receives (Mtt.7:2).

I pray that God, out of his mercy and love, will continue to grant us the grace of being generous to one another for the salvation of souls and for our own blessings through Christ our Lord.

Fr Peter

Wishing all our families and parishioners a happy, safe and rejuvenating summer break.

FR JOHN BYRNE

As you know Fr John will be leaving St Lawrence's on 8th September to take up his new appointment as Parish Priest in Tring.

There is a card for Fr John in the Repository for people to sign. Envelopes available in the porch for your gift to Fr John.

WELCOME TO FR GREGORY

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Gregory who will be with us for the summer and helping out in the parish.

ST ANTHONY'S GUILD

Devotions to St Anthony will take place every Tuesday at 10am.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS AND ADORATION

On **Friday 2nd August**, devotions to the Sacred Heart and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will **begin at 12.45pm** as we have a funeral at 11am.

THE DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE UK - SLOUGH SL1 3UA...

...invite you to a Healing and Deliverance Retreat on **Saturday 3rd & 10th August from 9am to 4pm**. There will be a coach leaving from Feltham (junction of The Green/Browells Lane) at 8am (please gather by 7.45am). **Cost: £10** per person including children. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Swelyn via WhatsApp on 07466 617400 to book your place and for further information. These retreats take place every 1st and 2nd Saturday of the month at the centre in Slough.

THE NEW LECTIONARY AND MASS BOOKS

From the First Sunday of Advent this year, we will start using the new translation of the readings. From your generous donations we have now covered the cost of the 2 Lectionary sets and the Books of Gospels. Thank you very much.

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

If you would like to contribute towards the purchasing of the Parish Mass Books you would be very welcome. Please speak to 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 on the machine for the books. Either pay by cheque, cash or direct bank transfer with your name and 'PMB' as a reference. 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 for an application form and session dates, as Cathy is out. The closing date for First Holy Communion is 8th September.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - OPEN EVENTS

Admission to Year 7 in 2025 - No appointment necessary

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

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 2nd October from 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30 pm

EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On **Saturday 14th September**, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral in the afternoon (exact timings to be confirmed). Further information to follow shortly.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 27	9.30-10.45am 11.00am 3.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession Prisca Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving Mass in Tagalog Michael Maloney RIP Mass in Ukrainian
✠ Sun 28	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Edward Gomes & deceased members of the Family RIP Patrick Galligan RIP Quainoo Family in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Mon 29	9.30am	Patrick Doherty (Intention)
Tues 30	9.30am	John & Rosie Vales RIP
Wed 31	9.30am	Deceased relatives of Ivy Adams RIP
Thurs 1 Aug	9.30am	Frank Macken RIP
Fri 2	9.30am 11.00am	Sr Katherine O'Reilly RIP REQUIEM MASS – EILEEN ROSE MCCORMACK RIP
Sat 3	9.30-10.45am 11.00am 5.00pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession Mercy Dias – 2 nd Birthday Thanksgiving Susanna Fernandes – Birthday Intention
✠ Sun 4	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Alleluia D'Souza RIP (Anniversary) Perpetua Fernandes RIP Agnelo Fernandes & Neville D'Silva RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Sanctuary Lamp: Bernardine Doran RIP		

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Sheena Johnston RIP, Eileen McCormack RIP, Marie Constance Read RIP, Godfrey (Jeff) Freemantle RIP, Obaapanin Lucy Akosua Adoma RIP** (mother of Fr Gregory), **Teresa Mahon RIP** (mother of Bridget Brinkley), **Bernardine Doran RIP, Margaret (Peggy) Grufferty RIP.**

Eileen Rose McCormack RIP – Her Requiem will take place here on **Friday 2nd August at 11.00am** followed by committal at 12.20 at Hanworth Crematorium.

Marie Constance Read RIP – Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Friday 9th August at 11.00am** followed by burial at Powder Mill Lane Cemetery at 12noon.

Sheena Johnston RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 14th August at 11.30am.**

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

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON

..is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on **Bank Holiday Monday, 26 August 2024** from 10 am to 4:30 pm. All welcome. Call Millie on **07957 594646** for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

20-21 July: Loose: £1488.20 Envelopes: £281.00

Total: £1,769.20

Donations towards Lectionaries: £2,489.00 to date. Thank you very much

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PARISH EVENTS

Saturday 7th September

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

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th 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 8th 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 9th September

Fr Mike Maguire arrives in the Parish

There will be a break from the newsletter during August. Mass Intentions and important notices will continue to be published. The newsletter will start again the weekend of 7/8 September.