

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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31st August/1st September 2024

Year B Vol 2:- (Page 126): Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

8th September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 129): Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

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Protecting your Privacy:

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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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DEFIBRILLATOR IN CHURCH PORCH

Clean Hands, Clean Heart

“There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile” (Mk.7:15).

Routines can become a habit, which we don't want to break. Isn't it amazing that we so easily fall into a routine. I guess we are all creatures of habit, of repetitive patterns. We can easily become accustomed to doing things in which causes us to fall into a pattern of normalcy, such as the routine of going to Church. It can be a pattern of normality, a numbness of the “why?”, but with normality, comes a lack of knowledge as to why one does something; the same can apply to Church.

We do the same thing in church. We quickly learn to count on certain predictabilities of the activities of worship, and we are very hesitant to see change. If we are not careful, some of these expectations become full-fledged traditions. They take on significance far greater than simply being a convenient routine. Some things become almost holy and unchangeable. When that happens, they move from being a routine, into becoming something cemented into their every fibre, embedded into their foundations. Then, when some tampers with ones' foundational structures, people become very upset from it.

The question we need to ask ourselves is, if there are things we do that were initially designed to worship God but end up keeping people from accessing his transforming love instead? Are these traditions man-made or God -inspired? Do you see the importance of always evaluating your practice of worship to ensure that they are effectively bringing people closer to Christ?

All that Jesus teaches and everything he means to us in our relationship with him and with God, concerns the process of change. “Change”, it's one of the scariest words in our language, is required if we are to continue growing in our love of God. It is not acceptable to reach a plateau and stop. If we stop changing, we become stagnant and our fruit produce through our relationship with God, rots. Our tendencies as illustrated by the Pharisees and scribes are to resist change in all ways. Instead, we create rituals and procedures that result in vain and useless worship because no one grows, and our focus shifts from God to rituals. The rituals themselves feed our obsessive-compulsive tendencies and because of our fear of change, we cling evermore tightly to the rituals we have established. Jesus is teaching us that we need to remain open to encountering the Spirit of the Living God every day in our life. When we allow him into our heart in new and wonderful ways then our transformation into “Christ-like-ness” will continue along the path that God chooses and what comes out, as a result, will be beautiful and tasting fruit of the Spirit.

Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14, “Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Most people get heart check-ups and start watching what goes into their mouths. Jesus recommends that we check out our hearts and then start watching what comes out of them!

Have a Blessed week.

Deacon Rolly

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.

PARISH EVENTS

HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR THESE EVENTS

Saturday 7th September

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

FINGER FOOD ONLY PLEASE

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September

Fr John will celebrate 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 only** from your country of origin to share. Tea/Coffee will be served after the 8 & 9.30am Masses.

Monday 9th September

Fr Mike Maguire celebrates the 9.30am Mass

MASS INTENTION DIARY

The Mass Intention Diary is fully booked for this year. If you wish to book a Mass this will be sent to a retired priest or to the seminary. Please email the parish office with your request or see Florie. The 2025 Mass Intention Diary is not yet available, therefore we cannot accept Masses Intentions at the moment. An announcement will be made in due course.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL) AND CONFIRMATION

Please email Cathy Early (cathythecatechist@outlook.com) for an application form if you would like to receive the Sacrament next year. **First Holy Communion Registration closes on Sunday 8th September.**

Any parents who are interested in helping with the sacramental programmes please contact Cathy Early.

The **First Holy Communion Welcome Mass** will take place on **Saturday 14th September at 2pm**, followed by a meeting in the Parish Centre. This will be the closing date for applications as well.

The **Walk with Jesus Welcome Mass** will take place on **Sunday 15th September at 9.30am** followed by a brief meeting in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

If you wish to baptise your child or plan to get married (six months notice required) please send an email with your details to feltham@rcdow.org.uk. Your request will be dealt with week commencing 9th September.

PRAYER MEETING

St Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group invites parishioners to their monthly meeting on **Saturday 21st September** from 6.15pm to 7.45pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - OPEN EVENTS

See poster on notice board for open evenings For Year 7 and Sixth Form

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 31	9.30-10.45am 11.00am 5.00pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession Prakash Metha RIP (3 rd Anniversary) Thomas John Lopes RIP (1 st Anniversary)
✱ Sun 1 Sept	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Deceased members of the Fernandes & D'Costa Families RIP Gabriel D'Souza RIP Bernardine Doran RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Mon 2	9.30am	Intentions of the Staff of St Lawrence's School
Tues 4	9.30am	Eileen Jones RIP
Wed 4	9.30am	Frank Macken RIP
Thurs 5	9.30am	Volney & Crusita Pereira in Thanksgiving
Fri 6	9.30am	Fraser Cabral in Thanksgiving
Sat 7	9.30-10.45am 11.00am 5.00pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Memorial Mass) Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary)
✱ Sun 8	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.60pm	Cirilo, Carmina & Chris Rodrigues in Thanksgiving Sr Mary O'Malley RIP (1 st Anniversary) Tudor Wijeyesinghe RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian

Sanctuary Lamp: Anne Bagnall and Karen Puddle RIP

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Ann Hiney RIP, June Dodsworth RIP, Karen Puddle RIP, Stella Marie Barry RIP, Anne Jane Bagnall RIP, Sheena Johnston RIP, Lucy Adoma RIP.**

Ann Hiney RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 10th September at 1.00pm** followed by burial at Bedfont Cemetery.

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

THE NEW LECTIONARY AND MASS BOOKS

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.

SYNODIAL PATHWAY

A further Synodal Discernment Day to be held at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH, on **Saturday, 14 September 2024**. Please see poster for more information.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Calling 16-25 year olds to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **21st September**. Contact Cathy Early for a link to Application Form. Please note we are not organising this only providing the information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

25-26 August: Loose: £1,336.03 Envelopes: £203.00

Total: £1,539.03

Donations towards Lectionaries/Parish Mass Books (PMB):
£2,853.50 to date. Thank you very much

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Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper, also indicate if it is for a Donation, Baptism, etc.



PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed from Saturday 31 August to Sunday 8th September.**