

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Third Sunday of Easter



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13th/14th April 2024

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Protecting your Privacy:

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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 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,

Personally, I have never been summoned to a court of law to be a witness, but I suspect that some of you who are reading this will have been. Witnesses are vital to our legal system which is underpinned by our democracy. Witnesses have to have many qualities but I would suggest that the three most important are courage, trustworthiness and credibility.

The early Christian communities were founded after the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and although no one actually witnessed the resurrection, the apostles did witness the risen Christ. I do sometimes wonder what kind of witness I would have been had I been there. I'm not sure that I would have been any use at all, I even wonder if I would have been the one who was questioning how Jesus got into the room as hadn't used the door.

Fortunately, for me and the rest of us, the apostles made much better witnesses than I would ever have done. Imagine how much courage they must have had! They were all prepared to suffer (and most of them did gladly suffer death for no greater crime than evangelising the Christian message). They were trustworthy, they were completely certain that they had met Jesus and this must have come across in their ministries as they lived their lives of service to others and in doing so made their witness believable. But perhaps most of all was their credibility. I don't believe the apostles to be gullible, some and particularly Thomas were slow to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. There are plenty who live amongst us that would suggest that the resurrection was invented by the apostles to justify their faith, but I would argue that the opposite is true and that the faith of the apostles was nurtured and grown from their witness of the risen Jesus. And in living their faith, they were the bridge between the risen Jesus and the life of the Church.

Here in 21st century Feltham, it is incumbent upon us to be the witnesses. The way we witness is how we live our lives, as those who bear witness by their behaviour are the most valuable witness of all. Sometimes we all get a bit disillusioned by our personal failures or our personal weaknesses but perhaps we could take inspiration from St Teresa of Calcutta who once said "I don't pray for success, I only pray that I may be a faithful witness."

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

A six week back to basics exploration of the Good News that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience of God's love for us. This seminar renews and transforms lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Venue:** St Charles Borromeo church, 8 Ogle Street, London W1W 6HS. **When:** Every Thursday 18 April to 30 May from 7-9pm. To register email: lifeinthepirit@soulfoodgroup.co.uk. See noticeboard for more details.

PLANNED GIVING BOXES

If you use the Planned Giving envelopes for your offertory, please collect your new box from the Parish Office.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish secretary the following details: husband and wife's names, church of marriage, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need. The earliest the debate can take place is 22nd April.

PRAYER MEETING

St Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group invites parishioners to their monthly meeting on **Saturday 20th April** from 6.15pm to 7.45pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

FRIENDS CIRCLE (FORMER UCM)

The next meeting will be on **Monday 15th April** at 12.30pm in the Presbytery.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session will be on **Saturday 20th April** at 3.15pm

WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 12th May** after the 9.30am Mass

CONFIRMATION

Retreat Days on **Sunday 21st April (Group 1)** and **Sunday 28th April (Group 2)** in the Parish Centre. Please attend the 11am Mass.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **William Egglestone RIP, Jean Harvey RIP, Mary Anne Francis RIP, Joan Ngozi Nduba RIP, Sheila Ann (Pam) O'Connor RIP, Marian Ranialli RIP, Harry Baker RIP**

Joan Ngozi Nduba RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Monday 22nd April at 11am** followed by burial at Bedfont Cemetery at 12.30pm.

Mary Anne Francis RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 24th April at 11am** followed by committal at Hanworth Crematorium at 12.40pm.

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

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Winning ticket: **Light Blue ticket no. 83 Serial No. AB163958.**

Total Raised for Parish Funds: **£926.81** – Thank you very much

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13	9.30am-10.45am 11.00am 5.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Esperanca Fernandes – Birthday Thanksgiving Esperance & Thomas John Lopes RIP
✠ Sun 14	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	In Thanksgiving Lajiu & Princy Manuel Pereira & Florina Lourenco RIP Daphne Ashton RIP (17 th Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Mon 15	9.30am	Martin McDonagh RIP
Tues 16	9.30am	Basil Clarke RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 17	9.30am	Eileen Marks RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 18	9.30am	Diego & Emericina D'Souza RIP
Fri 19	9.30am	Xavier Menezes RIP
Sat 20	9.30am-10.45am 11.00am 5.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession Crisostomo Magduza, Aurelia, Emilio, Hermino Percho RIP Eileen O'Connor RIP
✠ Sun 21	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Fernandes & Dias Family – Good Health Deceased souls of the Alphonso Family RIP Joan O'Connor RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam
Sanctuary Lamp: Jeffrey D'Souza RIP		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

30-31 Mar (Easter): Loose: £4,856.45 Envelopes: £222.85

Envelopes: £243.80 **Total: £5,323.10**

Contactless: Palm Sunday: £441.00 Easter: £959.00

6-7 April: Loose: £1,258.90 Envelopes £194.40 Easter: £71.00

Total: £1,524.00

Holy Places: £2,258.63... **Cardinal's Appeal:** £2,405.71

CAFOD Fast Day: £1,285.34 **CAFOD Lenten Walk:** £1,040.65

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

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



PARKING IN CHURCH

Please remember:

The Church car park is for Disabled Parishioners who have a valid Blue Badge clearly displayed. Access for drop off and collections only for everyone else.

Do not attempt to open the barrier, you are not authorised to open it.
-The school car park will be open at the weekend but once it is full, the barrier will come down.

-Please park sensibly and responsibly.

- **The Green is a private road and you**

PARKING OVER EASTER

We have received some very strong, vocal complaints from residents on The Green, Victoria Road and Chapel Square as to the chaos caused by drivers attending Church during Holy Week and Easter who showed no regard for where they parked causing congestion and blocking people from coming out of their houses/flats. This has caused us great embarrassment and upset. We cannot stress enough that there is ample parking at Feltham Leisure West so please park there and walk. Do not park on The Green or attempt to come to the Church car park unless you have a valid disabled badge. Our stewards got a lot of lip from offenders during this period, please bear in mind they were doing their duty on instructions of the clergy.

PARKING NOTICE - VICTORIA ROAD

Affinity Water are carrying out essential works on Victoria Road this weekend and hope to finish on **Tuesday 16 April**. The road will be closed and parking on Victoria Road suspended. The school car park will remain shut during this period. This means no pedestrian access via the school. No parking in Church or on The Green.