

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4th/5th February 2023**



Year A, Volume 1 (Page 133): Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday 12 February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 136): Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37



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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 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 realise I often say that to be a Christian is challenging and to be a Catholic Christian is particularly challenging. Today is Racial Justice Sunday and today's gospel seems particularly relevant because it forms part of the introduction to the Sermon on the Mount and is perhaps best understood with The Beatitudes from last week's gospel, and particularly the last paragraph from last week's gospel.

***"Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven"***

When Jesus says "You are the salt of the earth", I do find myself questioning what does he actually mean?

In our 21st century salt is easily available and compared to its cost 2000 years ago is cheap. Ironically these days we are advised by the healthcare professionals that look after us to avoid salt as much as possible. My 21st century understanding would be that when Jesus says "you are the salt of the earth" he means the planet needs you, or you have a lot to offer. And that reminds us that as Catholic Christians we have a responsibility to reach out to others irrespective of their backgrounds or birthplace.

But in the time of Christ salt was valuable, and used to preserve food which was also valuable. So when Jesus talks about the salt of the earth he means what it is to be a disciple of Christ (a citizen of the kingdom). Ultimately the point that is being made is not just to be a citizen of the kingdom but to look within the kingdom and to be part of the broader world of both the salt and the light. And if that wasn't challenging enough, we must be prepared to be berated and abused for taking such actions.

In today's gospel acclamation it says "I am the light of the world" and in today's gospel it says "you are the light of the world"

In some ways I find this a bit conflicting and in others a bit uniting but I believe its ultimate message is to let our light shine before others. The early Christians were very much brought up with the image of light as this captures the divine nature which comes to us in Jesus and in which we are all to share. This is the identity of the Catholic Christian and the identity that reaches out to others. So perhaps a bit like the salt that loses its saltiness, we are reminded that we all become a bit stale in our Christian lives and our prayer lives but in today's gospel and last week's gospel we are urged to return to living a Catholic Christian life, and that means to be a citizen of the kingdom in the sense in which it is proclaimed in these gospels.

Have a blessed week,

**Deacon Colin**

### A MESSAGE FROM SR NORA

I wish to say a big thank you to Fr John, Fr David, Florie and all the parishioners for the prayers and support I received from you all during my brother Jeremiah's illness and death. On my return from Ireland I was greatly comforted by the many cards waiting for me. Mass will be offered for your intentions. *Sr Nora*

### NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available for School Form signing in the coming weeks. Please **put your name down** (on the church porch notice board) on the **relevant sheet for the date you can attend**. There are 15 slots for each date. Please wait in Church. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need, including their Baptism Certificate.

### PALM CROSSES

If you have your old palm crosses please bring them in so we can prepare ash to be used on Ash Wednesday. Last day for bringing Palms will be Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### LENTEN PRAYER HOME VISIT BY CLERGY

Would you like one of the Clergy to visit your home in Lent for a time of prayer or reflection? If so, please put your name on the list in the porch and they will be in touch. Please note it will be on a first come, first serve basis and there are only 20 slots available.

### FLAME 2023

The biggest Catholic youth event in the UK is returning to London, as CYMFED organise Flame 2023. Saturday 4 March at Wembley Arena, Arena Square, Engineers Way, London, HA9 0AA.

Tickets/passes on sale at [cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://cymfed.org.uk/flame). Age range: 14 years to university. Doors open at 11am for 12noon start and finishes at 5.40pm. Take a packed lunch and drinks in plastic bottles **no** glass or tin cans allowed.

The theme of Flame 2023 takes the World Youth Day Scripture "Mary arose and went in haste" and crystallises it into the theme "Rise Up!". Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith.

### RAISING FUNDS FOR CAFOD

We all get them, those lovely gifts that we have no use for... let me turn them into cash for CAFOD. I will be running a Tombola stall at a Coffee Morning to be held in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March** after the 9am and 11am masses. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents or anything else suitable, please hand them to the Presbytery marked CAFOD. With grateful thanks, *Theresa Butcher*.

### ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL APPEAL

There will be a talk by some of the Governors at all Masses the weekend of 10/11 February regarding raising funds for the new classrooms that were built. A collection will be taken up at all Masses on 18/19 February.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR WASHING OF SMALL ALTAR LINEN

If anyone, male or female, could help with the washing of the small altar linen, it would be much appreciated. Please speak to one of the clergy.

### PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

God of our past, present and future,  
You created each one of us in your image and likeness.  
Help us to recognise you in each person  
as we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism.  
Lead us this day  
to walk with one another,  
pray with one another,  
and work together  
so that we will create a future based on justice and healing  
and fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4	11.00am 5.00pm	Tolentina D'Souza RIP Deceased members of the Cabral & Fernandes Families RIP
* Sun 5	8.00am	Evangerleena & Jerry (Special Intentions and Good Health)
	9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Baby Luke Correia RIP Tony & Jill Smith RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	Mon 6	8.15am 9.30am
Tues 7	9.30am 7.00pm	Maurice Walsh RIP (Anniversary) Rose Marie Barrett RIP
Wed 8	9.30am	Jeremiah O'Gorman RIP
Thurs 9	9.30am	Ivor, Phoebe, Roy & Ralston Van Sanden RIP
Fri 10	9.30am	Maurizia Gonsalves in Thanksgiving – 4 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Sat 11	11.00am 5.00pm	Januario Pereira RIP Daniel Lyonette RIP
	* Sun 12	8.00am
9.30am		Josephine Jingco & Ching Ellis (Intentions)
11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm		Simon Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased members Van Sanden Family RIP		

### REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Khang Duc Nguyen RIP, John Hanlon RIP, Seán Tompkins RIP, Patrick Ellis RIP and Agnes Windsor (nee Nicol) RIP who have passed away recently.

**John Hanlon RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February** at 12 noon.

**Seán Tompkins RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** at 11.00am.

**Khang Duc Nguyen RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** at 10.45am.

We also keep in our prayers all the family and friends who mourn them. May they rest in eternal peace.

### MASS INTENTION BOOKINGS

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please use the yellow request sheets available in the porch and return with your stipend.

### UCM

The UCM will meet next on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 12 noon in the Parish Centre.

### WANTED NOW!!

Play worker need for TEDDS afterschool club at St Lawrence's Parish Centre, Feltham, Monday to Friday 3-6pm when required. Training will be given. Need to like children, be enthusiastic, patient and have a good sense of humour. Ring 07971 994669 Sarah or Julie.

### EARLY RISERS BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club at St Lawrence's Parish Centre Monday to Friday term time. Run by qualified DBS checked staff, providing a safe and caring environment. A healthy breakfast is provided. Open at 7.30am until school starts. For further information, please contact Kate Prasad, Play Leader on 07539 498952 between 7.30am-8.30am.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

28-29 January 2023

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