

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th/15th January 2023

Year A, Volume 1 (Page 125): Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Sunday 22nd January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 127): Isaiah 8:23, 9:3; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17;

Matthew 4:12-23



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on

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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

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

The Lamb of God

This Sunday's Gospel is the encounter between John the Baptist and Jesus.

When John sees Jesus, he exclaims – "Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world "

This introduction conveys three key aspects of Jesus' identity. He is the apocalyptic lamb who destroys evil. He is the suffering servant willing to give life for the redemption of his people. He is the paschal lamb who takes away the sins and leads us from bondage to liberation.

A dramatic moment on the bank of the river Jordan: John the Baptist declares Jesus to be the Lamb of God. Has he a sense that Jesus is the Passover Lamb of Sacrifice, destined to be crushed for our iniquities, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:5,7). Yet John must have gazed with wonderment and great regard on this unassuming young village carpenter, could he really be the Son of God?

Ask yourself: do you truly believe that Jesus is "The Lamb of God? "I suspect that many of us grew up with the Gospel and we were taught about Jesus and his life from our childhood. Today ask yourself: Do I truly believe and confess that Jesus is "The Lamb of God". Many of us know about Jesus, however, do we listen daily for His Word in our life? Are Jesus and his teachings integral in your life? Do you simply give "lip service "to your faith? Today I invite you to take time to search your heart and mind. You may be surprised at what you find there. I pray that you will find faith and peace within you!

Reflecting on today's Gospel you might hear Jesus say to you the words he says to every disciple. "And you, who do you say that I am? "Tell him how you see and feel about him, and then listen to how much he appreciates you for remaining with him as his companion. Bless us now, Lord, to recognise more clearly where you are moving our lives.

Deacon Rolly



Love to pray
feel often during the day
the need to pray
and take the trouble
to pray.
Prayer enlarges the heart
until it is capable
of containing
God's gift of Himself.
Ask and seek
and your heart will
grow big enough
to receive Him
and keep Him as your own.
St Teresa of Calcutta

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION 2023

Enrolment for Confirmation is now closed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We require additional volunteers for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass. Please speak to Cathy Early or email her (address on front page) if you are able to help. Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday 15th January.

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

Well done to Patti and Philomena for a splendid lunch and party last Sunday including all the behind the scenes work before and after. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers. **Fr John**

Patti and Philli would like very much to thank Liz and Terry Barry for funding the Senior Citizen's Christmas party which was held on 8th January. It was very generous of them.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Vacancies for

- Teacher of Maths (September 2023)
- Teacher of History (September 2023)

For more information please to: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL

are seeking to appoint a Catholic School Chaplain to play a leading role in the spiritual development of the school community, make links with parishes and is able to work alongside the governors, priests and staff in enabling students to continue on their spiritual journey. The role is full time (36 hours), term time only. For further details please contact Donna Godwin on 0208 568 8692 or by email dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21st January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1st February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

THE WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH GROUP

meet on **Wed Jan 18 at 2 p.m.** in the Hinsley room. We will be studying *Fratelli tutti*. Copies can be bought at St Paul's bookshop or found at [Fratelli tutti \(3 October 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#). All are welcome and there is no charge.

INQUIRY INTO ASSISTED SUICIDE (ASSISTED DYING)

The House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into assisted suicide and is inviting individual members of the public to comment. A copy of the Inquiry is available in the church porch. Please put your comments, especially from asking those in healthcare and legal professions to respond from their expertise, in writing and hand their comments to one of the clergy. These comments will be forwarded to the Diocese

PARKING AT ST LAWRENCE'S

Parking is becoming an issue again. Please note that Parking in the Church ground is **restricted for Blue Badge holders and those with mobility issues only**. Parking is also not permitted on the sides along the fencing as this is a health and safety issue. The access way is for drop off only and not parking. This is applicable on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Funerals, Weddings and other such special occasions. Parking is available at Tesco, Feltham Leisure West and on Sundays limited parking in the school. The two spaces in front of the presbytery are for the Priest and Pastoral Team.

MASS INTENTION BOOKINGS

Please use the yellow request sheets available in the porch.

CHURCH CLEANERS

The Church is cleaned on a Thursday morning after Mass. If you are able to spare half an hour or so, please come along and join the existing group of cleaners.

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.

FIRE WARDEN TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT

For those who have volunteered to be Fire Wardens, Deacon Rolly will be conducting a Training Session on **Saturday 21st January or Saturday 28th January** from 1pm-2pm.

There is still a need for more people to volunteer as a Fire Warden at Mass. Please speak to Deacon Rolly. There are forms at the back of Church.

FLOWER ARRANGING

If anyone would like to help with flower arranging, please speak to Arlene Juriansz.

CARITAS JANUARY BULLETIN

Please see notice board and website for useful information from Caritas

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Khang Duc Nguyen, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP, Jeremiah Gorman RIP (brother of Sr Nora), Josie O'Keefe RIP (sister-in-law of Annie Burke), Bogden Kwiecinski RIP, Felicio Mendes RIP, Agnes Windsor (nee Nicol) RIP, Patricia Heagney RIP, Patrick Maple RIP, who have passed away recently.

- **Agnes Windsor (nee Nicol) RIP** – Her funeral will take place at 12.20pm on **Wednesday 18th January** at Hanworth Crematorium.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14	11.00am 5.00pm	Anne Bagnall (Intention) Glenda & Daniel Fernandes (Personal Intentions)
✠ Sun 15	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Penny Gunney (Get Well) David Crawley RIP Regina Negredo RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam
Mon 16	8.15am 9.30am	Jeremiah Gorman RIP Lily Coutinho RIP
Tues 17	9.30am 7.00pm	Reidy Family Intentions Josie O'Keefe RIP
Wed 18	9.30am	Teresa D'Souza RIP
Thurs 19	9.30am	Deceased members of the Pham Family RIP
Fri 20	9.30am	Janet D'Souza RIP
Sat 21	11.00am 5.00pm	Matiza Family Intentions Marita Bote (Special Intentions)
✠ Sun 22	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	John Igboanugo Junior RIP Sr Maura Halpin & Sr Maureen Murphy (Intentions) Jonas Gjeka (Special Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Sanctuary Lamp: Francisca & Joe Do Rosario RIP		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

7-8 January 2023

Loose: £2,014.60 Envelopes: £169.83

Christmas Envelopes: £20.00 **Total: £2,204.43**

Christmas Crib Appeal 7-8 January: £341.62

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