

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd/23rd January 2022



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 129): Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 14-21
Next Week: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 132): Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13; Luke 4:21-30



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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 www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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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 Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

In this Sunday's Gospel passage taken from Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21, St Luke the Evangelist, first assures Theophilus- the Beloved of God (which we too as children of God can also lay claim to, and rightly so), that the painstaking account he presents to him is an accurate and orderly account of Jesus' life and teaching. We live in a time, when it seems only what can be verified and analysed with scientific lens is true and reliable. The historicity and meaning of the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven isn't only historical, but also an eternal truth. Science alone cannot attain the fullness of this truth, without God's gift of faith.

Today's Gospel passage is also very pertinent because in it, Jesus sets out, what in modern parlance we refer to as manifesto or mission statement - "*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me ... to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.*"

This mission statement had not only been relevant to those to whom it was first given and those who lived during Jesus' time. It is also relevant to us who live in the present time with so much challenges and uncertainties in the world. What's more? This promise of a truly better experience of life is trustworthy because it comes from Jesus and we can confidently rely on him without any shred of doubt. His words are unlike those of some of our earthly leaders or even friends; who sometimes fail and lie to us. We give our temporal leaders power to order our temporal affairs in exchange for what they think will make our lives better. But Jesus wholly and selflessly offers himself to us not only for our temporal wellbeing but also for an eternal reward in heaven.

All we have to do, like our forebears in the faith, is come to Jesus in faith for he alone has the power to liberate us from both our temporal and spiritual captivity. He gives us the example of his life as a means of showing us how to live mutually together and as the beloved children of God. He comes to roll away the stones that continue to press us down from living life fully and happily. No better news have we therefore, than that the Son of God became one like us except in sin, so as to give us true freedom and the gift of eternal life. May this mission of Jesus Christ for all people become a living experience in our individual lives. AMEN

Fr. Joseph

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORM SIGNING

Please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732 for an appointment for signing of the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Reception or Nursery.

ONLINE RESOURCES

In addition to the paper copy of Day by Day which gives the daily Mass Readings and reflection, one can also download Daily Mass readings via the app Hallow or go to <http://universalis.com>

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our church:

- **It is now mandatory for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship unless you are exempt.**
- When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or Omicron should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when attending Church.
- Please adhere to government and local guidelines and maintain social distancing. Do not linger outside or mix with people outside of your group after Mass. Go straight home
- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are planning on getting married either in this country or abroad a minimum of **six months' notice** is required to process the paperwork. Please do not wait until a month or so before your date, especially those getting married abroad, as the necessary permissions will not reach your destination in time. Please call Fr John to make an appointment.

TALKS AROUND THE DIOCESE

The God who Speak Scripture Festival – St Alban's Cathedral, Thursday 3rd to Saturday 5th February from 10am to 4pm. Find out more www.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival or on Facebook @TheGodWhoSpeaksScriptureFestival and on Instagram: @ScriptureFestival

Journey through Lent with St Ignatius of Loyola 2nd March – 17 April. Lent Retreat created by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow. Visit www.onlineprayer.net for details

FOR THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Beginning Experience Weekend – a residential weekend to help you heal 8th-10th April at Sion Community, Brentwood. Email: besouthofengland@gmail.com

Restored Lives - 8 week online course from 24th January <https://www.restoredlives.org/go-on-a-course>

Restored Lives workshops to support teenagers and young adults: 13-18 yrs Wed 2nd March 5.30-6.30pm, 18-30 yrs Wed 2nd March 7.30-9.30pm. <https://www.restoredlives.org/yourdirection>

Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church or you can use the link below

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=262>

HSBC Bank: WRC DT Feltham Sort code: 40-05-20 –
Account No: 71095528

VACANCIES

ST PAULS COLLEGE - VACANCY

Teacher of RE with Key Stage Responsibility. London Fringe plus TLR 2.1 £2,823. September 2022 start (an earlier start can be accommodated)

Application packs are available at www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk. Completed applications should be sent to: jobs@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk. Please note that CV's will not be accepted as applications. If you require further information regarding the role please contact Mrs De Rosa, Headteacher's PA at mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk. **Closing date for applications: Thursday 10 February 2022 at 9am.**

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We are looking for outstanding practitioners to join us from September 2022 to deliver high-quality lessons to ensure great learning. Salary negotiable dependent upon calibre and experience.

Current teaching vacancies:

- Subject Leader of Physics (closing date 6th February)
- Teacher of English (closing date 4th February)

We are also looking for an Assistant Site Manager (closing date Friday 28th January)

Please also get in touch if you would like to talk in more detail about the

role. <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>

EARLY RISERS BREAKFAST CLUB

Walkers urgently required for Early Risers Breakfast Club. Duties will be to escort children to their relevant schools (Cardinal Road Infants and St Lawrence). We are based at St Lawrence Parish Centre next to the Church. Hours from 8-9am. Applications will be subject to a DBS check (paid by the company). If you are interested, please contact the Play Leader on 075 3949 8952 for an application form.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **David John Coyte** who passed away recently. His funeral will take place on **Friday 18th February 3.40pm** at Hanworth Crematorium

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22	11am	In Thanksgiving – the Keenan Family
	5.00pm	Zane & Anaya Cabral (Good Health)
Sun 23	8am	Lily Coutinho RIP
	9.30am	Emily Theobalds and Joe & Eileen McNabb RIP
	11am	Patrick Hanlon and Bernadette Cimpocis nee Hanlon RIP
Mon 24	10am	Christine Olah RIP
Tues 25	10am	Sr Dorothy O'Brien RIP
Wed 26	10am	Jaime Vincenta Sousa Mendes and his deceased family RIP
Thurs 27	10am	Pat Jayawardena RIP
Fri 28	10am	Michael McManus RIP
Sat 29	11am	Ronald Henry RIP (Anniversary)
	5.00pm	Sebastiao Anthony Pires in Thanksgiving
Sun 30	8am	Diego D'Souza RIP
	9.30am	For the intentions of Mary Frances, Lily and Christine
	11am	Helen Abiegebe in Thanksgiving
Sanctuary Lamp: Harry Haldane RIP		