

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

8th/9th July 2023



Year A, Volume 2 (Page 99): Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday 2nd July: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page): Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

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Protecting your Privacy:

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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 Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am 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

PIETY AND AWE: PUTTING REVERENCE INTO PRACTICE

I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children, says the Lord Jesus.

How wonderful it has been to celebrate the First Holy Communion and a mass of thanksgiving and also the Sacrament of Confirmation of our young people.

Our beautiful young people came forward with great reverence. As we notice their reverence for Jesus in receiving him in the Blessed Sacrament we are reminded that Piety and Awe are the two gifts of the Holy Spirit which follow on from the others.

The gift of Piety enables us to pray with devotion and show reverence. Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding lead us to know that God is the centre of the universe, the One deserving to be honoured and worshipped, the One to whom is owed our thanksgiving and praise for the gift of our lives. Awe is that gift of amazement, wonder that God is so great and yet so intimately loving of each one of us.

We can ask ourselves then about our own reverence. On entering Church are we always aware that we are coming into the presence of the Lord of lords and King of kings, present before us in the tabernacle? Making an act of reverence before him, bowing or genuflecting (if you can) can change the way we feel. Good habits help us. Do encourage our children to carry on doing this in making an act of reverence before coming to receive Holy Communion too. What we do with our bodies can change how we feel.

Do take time to receive Holy Communion too, mindfully on one's open hand, one beneath the other, humbly like the beggars we are; or on one's tongue. Sometimes we need to be reminded that we receive Holy Communion rather than take it. Receive first. Relish the moment of Jesus coming to you, taking time to be reverent and devout before so precious a gift.

Piety and Awe also mean modesty in dress so as not to be a distraction to others by exposing too much. And keeping silent before mass so as not to disturb or be a distraction to others who are praying. Piety and awe come from a humble heart. The first precept (commandment) of the Church is that we should be at mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. It is not a precept to receive Holy Communion at every mass. Indeed, there are times when we should not. If we arrive late (after the Gospel) we should not receive Holy Communion because that would seem like we are taking him for granted. There are also those times when we will know we are not in right relationship with God or others, that we have committed a grave sin wilfully, and that we should be reconciled with God and his Church, first, by confessing our sins before receiving Holy Communion again.

Thank God for these gifts of the Holy Spirit, Piety and Awe, which grow in us as we put reverence into practice.

And thank God for the Precepts of the Church too. 1. To attend Mass on Sundays and days of obligation. 2. To confess your sins at least once a year. 3. To receive the Eucharist at least once a year. 4. To observe days of fasting and abstinence. 5. To provide for the needs of the Church. This is how she, as our Mother, encourages and guides us in the way of true love and holiness.

May our young people in their innocent love continue to inspire us. May we, by our example, continue to inspire them to greater devotion and love for the Lord Jesus really and truly present in this Sanctuary, consecrated to his glory.

And may God bless you all.

FR. DAVID

SUMMER FEASTS IN THE PARISH

OUR PATRON, ST LAWRENCE THE DEACON & MARTYR - Thursday 10 August. Mass at 9.30am and Solemn Mass 7pm followed by bring & share parish supper party.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tuesday 15 August Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 9.30am, 12noon and Solemn Mass & Procession of Our Lady & Benediction at 7.00pm

ARE YOU BEING CALLED BY GOD TO BE A CATECHIST?

Catechists are needed for the following programmes:

- 1. Sunday School** – after 9:30am Sunday Mass, for children in school year 2 and above, who do not attend Catholic Schools, starting September, to prepare them for First Holy Communion Course
- 2. First Holy Communion** classes are on Saturday afternoons at 3:15pm, for children at a Catholic School in year 3 and above, starting September.
- 3. Confirmation Group** catechesis on **Thursday** evenings at 6:30pm for young people in Year 9 and above, starting October. New Catechists will probably start by shadowing a Catechist in a group until you feel confident. In this service of love, getting to know, caring for, teaching, and formation we all learn and grow together. It is a big commitment of time. Please pray about it.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION 2024 ENROLMENT

Applications are available for our Confirmation programme starting in October for those who will be in Year 9 or above in September.

◆ Please email Cathy Early (details over the page) for an application form and session dates.

◆ You and your parents will also need to sign up to attend a short meeting with a Catechist on **Wednesday 12th July** between 6pm and 8pm. The sign-up sheets are on the porch notice board.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 2024

Applications are now open for our First Holy Communion starting in September for those who will be in Year 3 or above in September attending a Catholic School. The Sunday School programme for Year 2 and above in September for children in non-Catholic Schools.

Please email or call Cathy Early (details over the page) for an application form and session dates.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

All Parishioners are invited to a monthly **Charismatic Praise & Worship Meeting starting on Saturday 15 July from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm** in the Parish Centre. All are Welcome! **Come and experience God's Love & Mercy!** Kindly contact Vincent: +447424599201/George: +447597389002 for more details.

VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS

All those who volunteer in our church are invited to a special Mass at 11.00am on **Saturday 15th July** followed by a party in the Parish Centre. Everyone from cleaners to catechists, altar servers, counters, etc. Please bring a plate (finger food) to share.

EARLY RISERS AND TEDDS CLUB

Spaces available in September for the Early Risers Breakfast Club and Tedds After School Club. Please contact Kathy Prasad for the Breakfast Club on 07539 498952 or email earlyriser19@gmail.com or Sarah Allfree for Tedds Club on 07938 103854

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Invite you to their summer production of Beauty and the Beast.

Dates: 13, 14, 15th July **Time:** 7.00pm. **Tickets:** £12 Adults, £6 Children/Concession, £30 Family (2 Adults 2 children)

Venue: Sir Harold Wood Auditorium, St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Clifden Road, Twickenham TW1 4LT. They are also looking for sponsorship towards the event. See posters on notice board.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 8 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Paul Easterbrook and Aunty Betty RIP Vivian Marshall RIP (Birthday Remembrance) |
| ✱ Sun 9 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Surenthiran Family in Thanksgiving Victor & Jeromia Fernandes in Thanksgiving – 31 st Wedding Ann. Franklin & Michelle Baptiste – in Thanksgiving – 25 th Wedding Ann. Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian |
| Mon 10 | 8.15am 9.30am | Leocadia Fernandes RIP Gregory Coutinho RIP |
| Tues 11 | 9.30am 7.00pm | Conceicao Martins RIP Peter Quinn RIP |
| Wed 12 | 9.30am | Silas Dias RIP (Anniversary) |
| Thurs 13 | 9.30am | Celestine Crus RIP |
| Fri 14 | 9.30am | Isabelita Alib RIP |
| Sat 15 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Thanksgiving Mass in honour of all Volunteers in our Church Marian Vincent Alphonso RIP |
| ✱ Sun 16 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Emita Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving Joyce Rosario in Thanksgiving Maria Angelina Da Costa in Thanksgiving – 75 th Birthday Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Henry and Kobi Omoniyodu in Thanksgiving | | |

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Martin McDermott RIP, Fr Mark Leenane RIP (Osterley Parish), Julian Joseph Mandricks Rugseth RIP, Antonia Chapman RIP, Noel Bell RIP, George Dick RIP, Lucienne Cangy RIP (Rose-Marie Calmiano's mum), who passed away recently.

Please also keep their family and friends in your prayers.

EXHIBITION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The National Gallery is holding an exhibition from **6th May to 30th July 2023** <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi>

DRIVE LEADING TO CHURCH AND PARKING

Parents and Parishioners are **not to park on The Green or drive into the church compound especially between 8.15am and 9.00am Monday to Friday**. This is becoming a real hazard to children coming to school. **Parishioners** – you are reminded that parking in the church compound is for people with **disabilities, the elderly and the pastoral team**.

JOB VACANCIES AROUND THE DIOCESE

Please see noticeboard for details

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. For more information, visit www.brs-ccrs.org.uk

You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online - details below:

Centres (in person learning)

<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning)

ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk

0151 291 3055

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