

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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**Fifteenth Sunday of the Year**



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**15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**



Year A, Volume 2 (Page 102): Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 105): Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

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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: 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 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.

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

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, we celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving for the many volunteers who give freely of their time to make our parish the vibrant, prayerful community that it is. It would certainly be fair to say that our parish would not be able to function in the way that it does without their contribution, and so I thank all our volunteers for their help and their hard work.

Recently, I heard an astronomer on TV state that were it not for rain then our planet would be nothing more than an inert lump of rock in space exactly like all the others. I don't know if this individual is a believer or not but unwittingly he illustrated to us the meaning of today's reading from Isaiah and today's Gospel from Matthew.

We live in a time when there are words and advice coming from all angles of the media. Some of it is misguided but well intentioned and some of it is accurate but badly received. Some is malicious and even spiteful.

In today's Gospel Jesus compares "words" to a seed. Isn't that a wonderful image? I don't think we have any parishioners who work in agriculture but I know many of you are keen gardeners, (sadly I am not) but I do understand enough that a seed has to grow in fertile ground to bear fruit. That of course is great, but what of the seeds that aren't grown in fertile soil? Those that fall on the edge of the path represent those who are closed to God's call. Those that fall on the rock represent those who resist God's call. Sadly, I feel that those who fall in the thorns represent many of us who live in The West, as they are so full of worldly issues that God's word is somehow drowned out by all the noise from the media and twenty first century living. I don't think this group set out to deliberately exclude God it's just that somehow there is no room for God.

God has clearly spoken to our volunteers because when they listened they were motivated by his love. But we should also remember that all of us (and not just our volunteers) are sowers of his word. So exactly like the rain that sustains our planet, it is incumbent upon us to sustain each other, and we shouldn't be discouraged if no harvest is immediately apparent. As Christians, and particularly as Catholic Christians our task is to continue sowing and leave the harvest to God.

Have a Blessed Week

**Deacon Colin**

## 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. If you are able to help set up/clear up please speak to Fr David.

**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

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Thank you to those who have enrolled. Enrolment is still open

### 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.

**The deadline for enrolment is 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

### 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. **The deadline for enrolment for First Holy Communion is 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and Sunday School is 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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.

## ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL

We welcome our Year 6 children for their Leaver's Mass on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at the 9.30am Mass.** We wish them well in their new schools. May they settle in well, make new friends and ask you to keep them in prayer.

## 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](mailto:earlyriser19@gmail.com) or Sarah Allfree for Tedds Club on 07971 994669

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

We keep in prayer Fr David and all those travelling to Lourdes on Friday. We wish them a safe journey and a prayerful pilgrimage.

## MONDAY EARLY AND TUESDAY EVENING MASSES

There will be **no** 8.15am Mass on Mondays or 7pm Mass on Tuesdays from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July until September. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

This is a two-year part-time course, starting in September, which provides an ideal formation resource for parish catechists and lay ministers. For further details of the course content and opportunities to apply for a bursary, please contact [annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk).

## EXHIBITION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

## PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We hope to take a group to Walsingham for the Dowry of Our Lady on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.** If you are interested (genuine interest) please let Florie in the Parish Office know as soon as possible. Departing St Lawrence at 6.45am returning around 8pm depending on traffic. Be prepared for all types of weather.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15	11.00am	Thanksgiving Mass in honour of all Volunteers in our Church
	5.00pm	Marian Vincent Alphonso RIP
☩ Sun 16	8.00am	Emita Pereira – Birthday
	9.30am	Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Joyce Rosario in Thanksgiving
	1.00pm	Maria Angelina Da Costa in Thanksgiving – 75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Mon 17	1.00pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
	2.30pm	Mass in Malayalam
Tue 18	8.15am	Fr Mark Leenane RIP
	9.30am	Lucienne Cangy RIP
Wed 19	9.30am	Deceased members of the Pham Family RIP (Year 6 Leavers Mass)
	7.00pm	Emmanuel Furtado – Birthday
Thurs 20		Thanksgiving
Fri 21	9.30am	Ernesto Jessie Vícera RIP (A)
Sat 22	9.30am	Alvaro Botelho & Arcangela Pereira in Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Boby & Paulina Rodrigues in Thanksgiving
☩ Sun 23	5.00pm	Terry & Mary McGeachie RIP
	8.00am	Irish Fernandes RIP (month's Mind)
☩ Sun 23	9.30am	Martin Lambert, Annammah & Saverimuttu RIP
	11.00am	Olivia Kenny RIP
	1.00pm	In Thanksgiving – Rolly Leon – First Anniversary of Ordination
	2.30pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
		Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Sanctuary Lamp: For the Wlodarczyk Family RIP		

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Martin McDermott RIP, Donata Amanaria Fernandes RIP, Paul Bernard Constable RIP, Fr Mark Leenane RIP (Osterley Parish), Julian Joseph Mandricks Rugseth RIP, Victor Scott RIP and the Wlodarczyk Family RIP, who passed away recently.

**Paul Bernard Constable RIP** – His Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium (Jamieson Chapel) on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** at 12.20pm

**Martin McDermott RIP** – His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July** at 11.30am

Please also keep their family and friends in your prayers.

## FR MARK JAMES LEENANE RIP

As announced last week, Fr Mark James Leenane, the Parish Priest of St Vincent de Paul, Osterley passed away after a brief illness. His Requiem will take place on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August** at 12noon presided by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. May his soul rest in peace. Please also keep his parents, siblings and parishioners of St Vincent de Paul in your prayers.

## DRIVE LEADING TO CHURCH AND PARKING

**Parishioners** – you are reminded that parking in the church compound is for people with **disabilities, the elderly and the pastoral team.**

## ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE – OPEN EVENTS

**Open Mornings** - Admission to Year 7 in 2024

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October

Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am *No appointment necessary*

**Open Evening**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Headteacher Evening Address at 6.00 pm and 7.00pm

**Sixth Form Open Evening** - Admission to Year 12 in 2024

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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