

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Sixteenth Sunday of the Year



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22nd/23rd July 2023



Year A, Volume 2 (Page 105): Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Sunday 30th July: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 108): 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

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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: 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.

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Applying the Parable of the Sower.

The parable of the Sower is one of Jesus' most well-known parables. And for good reason. This story has implications that are just as powerful today, as they were the first time Jesus told it.

We can learn much about our circumstances of life from the parable of the Sower. We can learn that as we go through life there is always a real possibility of falling away from God. Jesus said there are those who have heard the word of God and as they go their way, they are choked with worries, riches, and pleasures of this life (Luke 8:14)

In the Gospel according to Mark 4:18,19 records that because of the worries of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things, will choke the word and it will become unfruitful. This process of having the word of God choked out of us is usually a gradual occurrence from which we must be constantly on guard. When we consider that our eternal salvation is only through Jesus Christ, to let that slip away because we are more concerned with worry and other things is a tragic loss.

Instead of being choked by things, we ought to be like the seed sown in good soil which yields a crop, some one hundred-fold, some -sixty, some -thirty. A crop produced in our lives by living as the word of God teaches is what Jesus expects of us. Because we all surely have different abilities and talents, Jesus only expects us to use what we've been given. Just as it takes time for a crop to grow from a seed, it likely will take time for us to develop our crop of life. It will likely take time for us, just like it would a crop, but we are consistently growing.

Just like the mustard seed, our faith is not something big that crashes on us. It always starts small, but we must take care of it to make it grow. It has to be planted. It has to form its roots for it to fully grow, live and bear its fruits.

Have you ever considered whether the word of God is producing greater results today in your life as compared to last year? I believe a periodic evaluation is most useful.

If you're not where you want to be spiritually, today is a fresh start to plant your seeds in good soil so you can strengthen your relationship with Jesus as God wants you to do. This is otherwise known as God's Will.

Have a Blessed Week

Deacon Rolly

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 17th 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 9th September 2023 and Sunday School is 10th September 2023**

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

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 07971 994669

MONDAY EARLY AND TUESDAY EVENING MASSES

There will be **no** 8.15am Mass on Mondays or 7pm Mass on Tuesdays from Monday 24th 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.

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>

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We hope to take a group to Walsingham for the Dowry of Our Lady on **Saturday 23rd 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.

World Youth Day Summer Picnic: 2nd September

Join Westminster Youth Ministry on **2nd September** for a taste of Lisbon at their Summer Picnic. This event is aimed at any young person (12-35) in the Diocese who wasn't able to make it to World Youth Day. It will explore the theme for World Youth Day, 'Mary arose and went with haste', with workshops activities, testimonies and Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan. Sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/>

Please note, for Safeguarding reasons any young person 12-16 year old will need to be accompanied either by a parent or by a group leader of a parish/school group. For 16-18 year olds additional sign up requirements are in place.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22	11.00am 5.00pm	Irish Fernandes RIP (month's Mind) Terry & Mary McGeachie RIP
✳ Sun 23	8.00am	Martin Lambert, Annammah & Saverimuttu RIP
	9.30am 11.00am	Olivia Kenny RIP In Thanksgiving – Rolly Leon – First Anniversary of Ordination
	1.00pm 2.30pm	Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Mon 24	9.30am	Clodomiro Victor Rodrigues RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
Tues 25	9.30am	Constancio Botelho RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Wed 26	9.30am	Maria Filomena Dominica Fernandes RIP (7 th Anniversary)
Thurs 27	9.30am	Prisca Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving
Fri 28	9.30am	Rufino Gonçalves RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 29	11.00am 5.00pm	Farhat Joseph RIP (1 st Anniversary) Kian Davari (Special Intention)
✳ Sun 30	8.00am 9.30am	Annammah, Saverimuttu & Francis RIP Arthur & Margaret Levins RIP (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
	11.00am 1.00pm	Justin Ibarra RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Sanctuary Lamp: Peace in the Pham family		

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 25th July** at 12.20pm

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

Please also keep their family and friends in your prayers.

FR MARK JAMES LEENANE RIP

Fr Mark James Leenane's mortal remains will be received into St Vincent de Paul, Osterley on Monday 31st July at 3pm. The Church will remain open until 10pm for private prayer. His Funeral Mass will take place on **Tuesday 1st 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 21st September, 28th September and 5th October

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

Open Evening

Thursday 21st 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 27th 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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