

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th/13th June 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
Next Week: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Job 38:1, 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41



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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

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Florie or visit the office on a Monday or Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

 faircraftshop.co.uk or Fairtrade.org.uk 

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Living in the present moment

Dear Friends

Shortly we will be at the mid-point of the year with the longest day and the Feast of St John the Baptist on 24th June. Even during these months of pandemic, time seems to be going as fast as ever. For the first time in a while this Sunday is a "green" Sunday – that is to say one of those Sundays in Ordinary Time. Of course, there isn't really such a thing as "ordinary" time, each moment of each day is unique; there has neither been, nor will there be another like it. Each moment is therefore precious – a gift from God.

Padre Pio had a very helpful saying in this regard: "my past O Lord to Thy Mercy, my future to Your Providence, my present to Your Love". In this age of social media, instant communication and purchasing power, it can be very tempting to map out every day of our lives, down to the smallest detail. Now I am not saying that we shouldn't make plans and arrangements in a timely and responsible manner. That is sensible and necessary. Some very fortunate souls are able to live with an apparent carefree ease that does not admit of any real planning or structure, though I suspect that even in these instances there is a greater element of self-awareness and self-discipline than they would like to admit!

Nevertheless, we should try to live as fully as possible in the present moment. This is especially helpful at the moment when the prevailing situation is fluid – foreign holiday plans for this summer have been an early casualty of forward planning, with an accompanying stress and unhappiness. In these moments all we can do really is to turn to God, through Jesus and Mary and hand it over to Him, as well as taking time to enjoy those apparently small pleasures and details that might have passed us by. God has willed that we should be here, now, in this place. We can give thanks for that and perhaps too, listen to what He might be saying to us in this present moment.

In this month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart, we can turn our gaze once more to the Sacred Heart in moments of quiet. There we will find an ever present reality fount of love, an oasis where heart can speak to heart!

I wish you a very happy week ahead.

Let's pray for each other!

Father John Louis

REMINDER: Please remember to leave the Church promptly at the end of Mass. You should not mix outside church and you are encouraged to go straight home after Mass, even though some restrictions have been lifted. The Indian Variant is very high in the Hounslow borough and we have to take extra care. Please have the vaccine if you have not yet done so.

Motivation for Mark 4:26-34

"Pope Saint Paul VI said that "As an evangeliser, Christ first of all proclaims a kingdom, the kingdom of God; and this is so important that, by comparison, everything else becomes "the rest," which is "given in addition." Only the kingdom therefore is absolute and it makes everything else relative. The Lord will delight in describing in many ways the happiness of belonging to this kingdom". (Evangelli Nuntiandi 8).

It is in this context that this Sunday 's Gospel gives us a very encouraging word about how small things are very relevant in the sight of God, to the point that he compares the Kingdom of God with the growing of a mustard seed. It may sound funny, but we can see in this Gospel, if we look at it carefully, how all our problems and concerns have already been sorted out in the mystery of that little seed that grows and grows. Anything that grows has a direction and is orientated towards a final fulfilment.

The Lord wants us to see that His Kingdom works in the same way in our lives. It doesn't matter how busy, upset, or concerned we might be; all those things are, as Pope St Paul VI says, "the rest" which will eventually be taken over by the Kingdom of God and all the fulfilment that it is bringing into our lives."

Bidding Prayers for the week:

With all our difficulties and needs, we come before the Father full of confidence:

For the Church: that we may work with renewed confidence for the coming of the kingdom into our world and into our lives.

We pray for all nations: that peace based on justice may abound, so that every person may flourish and none be excluded.

Let us pray for families as they plan their summer holidays: may their hopes and dreams for happiness together without the fear of Covid come true

We pray for all those who are discouraged or who are persecuted for their faith: that they may have a fresh experience of the reality and the power of God's love at work among us.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

Father, Lord of all, our needs are known to you before we even come into the world. Hear our prayers for ourselves and our sisters and brothers and grant them through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** You can also use the contactless machine in Church. For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRC DT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS

DAY FOR LIFE 19/20 JUNE

This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. These funds are distributed by the Department of Social Justice of the Bishops' Conference. If you wish to donate towards this cause, the Day for Life website is <https://www.dayforlife.org/>.

RICHARD REYNOLDS COLLEGE

"Would you be interested in this exciting opportunity to teach Physics or support Physics teaching with us? Or you may know of someone recently graduated or retired in the field of Physics.

In addition to this, we are looking at strengthening our A-level Economics welcome any interest in this role.

If you are or know someone who fits either of these criteria, or indeed would like to find out more, please email Mrs Simmons at s.simmons@srrcc.org.uk by Friday 18th June."

RE-COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be a reflection for Eucharistic Ministers by Zoom on **Wednesday 16th June at 7.30pm**. Please contact **Fr John Louis** at johntabor@rcdow.org.uk to register your attendance. To join the Zoom Meeting please use the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84147367916?pwd=c2NNOTN6a0ttVEQ2aVZQaFF5T3R1dz09>

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Stuart Spicer, Joseph Steer and Halcyon Suzette Worrell**, and all those who have passed away recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12	11am 5pm	Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family Gwen Brinkley RIP
Sun 13	9am 9am 11am 11am	Thanksgiving Mass [C] People of the Parish [PC] Thomas Adebola Badejo [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Mon 14	11am	Augustine Pereira RIP
Tues 15	11am	Daphne D'Mello RIP
Wed 16	11am	Cruz Gonsalves RIP (Month's Mind) and Perpetua Gonsalves RIP (recently d'csd)
Thurs 17	11am	Lawrence Kearns RIP
Fri 18	11am	Sr Geraldine Lawlor (Intentions)
Sat 19	11am 5pm	Bishut Themudo RIP (Month's Mind) Francisquinha Fernandes RIP
Sun 20	9am 9am 11am 11am	Jose Pereira RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC] Veronica Pires RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC]

Sanctuary Lamp: Bishut Themudo RIP

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To You God entrusted his only Son;
in You Mary placed her trust;
with You Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph to us too, show yourself as Father
and guide us on the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Prayer to St Anthony (Feast Day 13 June)

O holy St Anthony, gentlest of Saints,
your love for God and charity for His creatures,
made you worthy, when on earth,
to possess miraculous powers.



Miracles waited on your word, which you were
ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety.
Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain
for me (make your request).

The answer to my prayer may require a miracle,
even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human
sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus,
who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart
will ever be yours. Amen

MASSES TIMES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Church only.
- Sunday 9am and 11am Church and the Parish Centre
(Mass outdoors in nice weather)
- On Saturdays there will be Confession at 10.30am with Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament and on request.
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at
11.00am with limited numbers