

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Third Sunday of Lent



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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: 9.30am 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.

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Dear Friends,

It seems to me to be a sad reflection of today's 21st century society, when many who live amongst us are out to get as much as they can from others without actually doing very much or producing very much for it. Perhaps my last statement was unfair, as I also know there are many who dedicate their lives to the service of others, and for very little financial reward.

In today's gospel, Jesus witnesses people "ripping other people off" in the temple. I wouldn't suggest that it's wrong to sell religious articles in church but it would be wrong to sell them at vastly inflated prices. It would be a greater wrong if the church were to charge (for example) parishioners £10 or £20 or whatever amount it chose for a communion wafer and then to say that unless you buy from us then you cannot receive communion. When Jesus found sheep and pigeons for sale it was because they had to be purchased for offerings to the temple, or to put it another way people had no choice but to buy at extortionate prices.

When Jesus is challenged and effectively asked, "Don't you love the temple?" He replies that he does by saying that if they destroyed the temple, he would rebuild it in three days. He was of course talking about His Body and in doing so revealing to us that The Cross is the fulfilment of all The Old Testament sacrifices.

If Jesus is the new temple then His church is the new spiritual temple. We are also His church. The sacrifice, is the sacrifice of Jesus on The Cross that is brought to us in The Eucharist. We can offer spiritual sacrifices in simple everyday tasks when we help others. As we travel on our Lenten journey could I ask that each of us takes a look at ourselves and undertakes to do something that we don't normally do, perhaps read some scripture or maybe call someone that we haven't spoken to for a while. For it is doing new tasks that we demonstrate to others that our church is so much more than just a building where we gather on Sundays.

Have a blessed week,

**Deacon Colin**

### EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a collection for Easter Flowers next weekend 9/10 March at the end of all Masses

## LENT AT ST LAWRENCE'S



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Monday to Friday from 8.30am-9.25am. Also on Saturday morning from 9.30am-10.45am.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 10.00am, Saturday at 11.30am and Wednesdays at 7.30pm (Polish).

### SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUP

Every Monday during Lent, there will be a small faith-sharing group in the Presbytery after the 9.30am Mass. It will last 45 minutes to an hour. We will be following a Diocesan Lenten resource "We Dare to Say". This will be led by a member of the Pastoral Team.

### PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Parish Prayer Group meet on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** for Worship and Prayer in the Parish Centre from 6.15-7.45pm.

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, please we encourage you to help hardworking people like James, the fisherman from Liberia, to find good fishing spots and return home safely. Use the CAFOD envelope to Gift Aid your donation, which boosts your donation by 25 per cent. The QR code on the envelope is also an easy way to jump to the CAFOD website to donate online. The collection is open until 24<sup>th</sup> March. Collection boxes are available in the porch.

### CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

Father John will be leading a Walk every **Wednesday from 21<sup>st</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> March** visiting a local cemetery, recite the rosary and walk back. This will start with a prayer by the Grotto at 10.30am and finish at the end of the walk at the Grotto with a prayer followed by soup and rolls in the Parish Centre. As part of the risk assessment all walkers will need to provide emergency contact number, details of dietary/medical condition that may affect the walk. Please bring a bottle of water with you. This week to walk to Feltham Cemetery.

### PASSION PLAY

There will be a play here in Church on The Passion organised by the Youth of St Michael & St Martin's Church on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.

### LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. **Thank you for your generosity on Ash Wednesday £1,349.21**. The next. Collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday.

### SPECIAL MASS FOR SENIORS AND TEA PARTY

There will be a Mass for Seniors this **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at 2.30pm followed by a Tea Party in the Parish Centre.

### YOUTH CAKE SALE

The Confirmation Youth will be having a cake sale with tea and coffee on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** after the 9.30am & 11.00am Masses. Please join them in the Parish Centre after Mass for a cuppa.

### SYNODAL PATHWAY

Thank you to all who attended the meeting last week and for your responses, which have been collated and forwarded to the Cardinal.

### STARTING IN A SCHOOL NURSERY CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31 August 2021 can take up a free, part-time place in a school nursery class from the September before their fourth birthday. Please contact St Lawrence School Office for an application form. **The closing date for applications is 8th March 2024.**

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

**Confirmation Group 2** will meet on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.30pm. The **First Holy Communion** group meet on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** at 3.15pm and the **Walk with Jesus** group meet on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** after the 9.30am Mass.

## EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Easter hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies – something for everyone in the family!

The Draw will take place on **24<sup>th</sup> March** after the 11am Mass.

Tickets: £1 per strip or 6 strips for £5.00.

Proceeds towards the Church Maintenance Fund

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2	11.00am 5.00pm	Sebastiao Joao & Jose Fernandes Anjo and Maria Nangombe RIP Thomas John Lopes RIP (Birthday Remembrance)
✳ Sun 3	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Joan Nduba (Special Intention) Constancio Fernandes RIP (Birthday Remembrance) Brian Beagan RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass For Seniors in the Parish Centre
Mon 4	9.30am	Michael Gilbert RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 5	9.30am	Lawrence D'Souza RIP (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Wed 6	9.30am	Intentions of the Hayes Family
Thurs 7	9.30am	Aquino Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving
Fri 8	9.30am 11.00am	Anne & Prince in Thanksgiving REQUIEM MASS – SYLVIA D'MELLO RIP
Sat 9	11.00am 5.00pm	In Thanksgiving – Mendes & Telles Families Power Family Intentions
✳ Sun 10	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Diogo Dias RIP Deceased members of the Menezes Family RIP Simon Johnston RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi – Birthday Thanksgiving		

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Pam O'Connor RIP, Sylvia D'Mello RIP, Alberta Ama Ampah RIP and Rina Rotundo RIP.**

**Sylvia D'Mello RIP** – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11am** followed by interment at Ashford Cemetery.

Please also keep in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

## FRIENDS CIRCLE (FORMER UCM)

The newly formed Friends Circle will meet on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March** in the Presbytery at 12.30pm. On the 18<sup>th</sup> there will be demonstration on making an Easter arrangement. New members welcome.

## WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY

are running a series of talks called 'Resonate - Our Father' beginning on 28th Feb and it runs until next spring. It is a series of 8 sessions with each session exploring each line of the Our Father.

There will be a **Diocesan Young Adult Mass** on **Tuesday 12 March** at 7pm in the Westminster Cathedral Crypt, SW1P 1LT

For both these events visit their website for more details

<https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events>.

## SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2024

If you are looking for an internship this summer, then look no further. Xavier Teach SouthEast is proud to offer non-funded and funded internship programmes which provides those interested in teaching with the ideal opportunity to explore life in the classroom. For further information please contact Angelina Daniel at St Paul's Catholic College, Sunbury - [adaniel@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:adaniel@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk)

## CONNECT @ FELTHAM AND HOUNSLOW

A safe place for Adults with learning difficulties who would like to take part in ART, DANCE or DRAMA. Activities held at SS Michael & Martin Hounslow and St Lawrence Feltham every Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Karen on 07394 566361 for details. See poster

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Figures will be available next weekend

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