

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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**Third Sunday of Lent**

**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



**Year A, Volume 1 (Page 158):** Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

**Sunday 12 March – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Page 164):** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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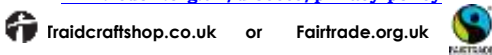
### Parish Sisters:

**Sr Nora Gorman, Sr Monica Killeen**

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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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## THE JAR OF THE LIVING WATER

JOHN 4:5-42 is long ranging, and fraught with many topics to discuss, and angles to consider in the concept of living out of faith. There is good reason why you might have heard the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman preached many times over. But let us look at the message from Jesus about "The Living water ". Today's Gospel takes us to an unlikely setting - we find Jesus is in a foreign region of Samaria, face to face with a local woman at Jacob's well. The scene consists of two individuals who would be very unlikely to strike up a relationship in the normal course of events -a Jewish man and a Samaritan woman. The two were religious enemies in those days, two strangers of the opposite sex alone together. This was an unusual event, even in public, at a time and in a place where there was a cultural taboo against women and men speaking, under no circumstance.

So, when Jesus asked the woman to give him a drink of water from the well, she was naturally startled, and asked "How is it that you, a Jewish man, are asking me for a drink?". Ignoring the question, Jesus employed his metaphor: "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying it to you, you would have asked and been given living water."

The confused woman, thinking he meant fresh water from a spring, replied something about Jacob's well not having such water and wondering where Jesus would get "living water".

Jesus continues with the spiritual imagery saying: "Everyone who drink of this water from Jacob's well will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."

From this, we can take away, if everyone of us comes to him in hope of living water, for spiritual refreshment, for Christ not only gives us more than an ordinary drink, he offers us a spring of living water that can run deep inside each of us as an eternal source that can see us through the hard times of drought, and direct us to the meaning that can be found only in the truth that is God. I can see us offering this living water to all we encounter. I can see God transforming the loneliness, pain, and despair in our community into streams of just, resulting in restoring living water-and doing all of this through us.

SO, PICK UP YOUR JAR, WE HAVE WATER TO SHARE.

Have a blessed week,

**Deacon Rolly**

# LENT 2023 AT ST LAWRENCE'S



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am-9.25am and on Monday from 8.45-9.25am. Also on Saturday morning from 10.00am-10.45am and Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm-6.45pm **except** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## CONFESSION

Confession will be available on Saturday evening from 4.30-4.50pm.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

If you weren't able to donate last week, the collection is open all of Lent. Also available in the porch are some CAFOD collection boxes which you can take home and fill with your loose change during Lent. Please return any filled boxes to the presbytery by 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you'd like to donate to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal – you can do so on CAFOD's website.

## 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 **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.

## PARISH PRAYER HOME VISIT

### LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

This year our Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal's Appeal and the next collection will be taken up on **Holy Thursday**. There is a Lenten Alms 'wall' box situated by the entrance to the sacristy. Please take a donation envelope today. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

## CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km. Do 5k a day, your way. To find out more or take part, go to: [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk).

*Aneta Oskerova from our parish is taking up the challenge and you can donate on <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/anetax> and read her updates on her progress*

## FLOWERS

**DO NOT** bring in flowers to decorate the altar or any of the statues or the side altars during Lent.

## CONFIRMATION

### FIRST WEEKEND OF EVERY MONTH

The Confirmation Candidates will be participating in the Liturgy at all Masses – Reading, Greeting, Ushers, etc.

### COFFEE MORNING

The Confirmation Candidates will be holding a Coffee morning on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, which is also Mother's Day. Proceeds from sales of cakes and teas/coffees will be put towards their forthcoming retreat.

### SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL

The Confirmation Candidates will be leading the Stations of the Cross after the 11am Mass.

## MARCH, THE MONTH OF ST JOSEPH. Feast Day 19<sup>th</sup> March

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 a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

*Pope Francis, from PATRIS CORD*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11	11.00am 5.00pm	Michael Gilbert RIP Patrick Ellis RIP
* Sun 12	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Surenthiram Family in Thanksgiving Kaiden Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving Patricia Heagney RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Mon 13	8.15am 9.30am	Bartholomew Fernandes RIP Jobi and Family in Thanksgiving
Tues 14	9.30am	Intentions of the Staff at St Lawrence's School NO ADORATION OR EVENING MASS
Wed 15	9.30am	Denis Whooley RIP
Thurs 16	9.30am	Peace in the Family
Fri 17	9.30am	Josie O'Keefee RIP
Sat 18	11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm	Jeremiah O'Gorman RIP Memorial Mass – Peter Mbanu RIP Fr James Anthony Boyle MHM RIP
* Sun 19	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	In Thanksgiving to St Joseph Healing for Melvin Torres and Family Patrick Maple RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam
Sanctuary Lamp: Filomena Almeida RIP		

## REPOSITORY

We thank those who have volunteered to look after the Repository which will be open after the weekend Masses. Saturday 5pm – Patti Owen, Sunday 8am – Annie Burke, 9.30am – Victor Fernandes, 11am – Maria Wolanska and Delilah Fernandes. Weekdays: John/Clifton/Florie.

## ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 13th May 2023** at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Parish Secretary the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

## BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION

As part of its Lenten devotions, Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform of J.S. Bach's St John Passion on **Thursday 16th March 2023** at 7.30pm. Parishioners of the diocese now have the opportunity to buy their tickets at a discount of 50%. Poster on noticeboard. Discounted tickets are available at:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=saint50john>. Please enter the password: SJP50 to obtain the discount.

**HOPE FOR A NEW BEGINNING – A WEEKEND FOR THE WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED** from 21 – 23 April 2023 at The Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX. Beginning Experience is a ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by a team of trained volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings which encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For further details please contact Freda: 01322 838415, Maura: 07795 498455 or [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

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