

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Year A, Volume 1 (Page 164): [Laetare Sunday] 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41  
Sunday 26 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Page 170): Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45



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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 Liturgy of this Sunday, called “*Laetare*”, invites us to be glad and rejoice as the Entrance Antiphon of the Eucharistic celebration proclaims: “Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts” (cf. Is 66: 10-11).

What is the profound reason for this joy? Today’s Gospel in which Jesus heals a man blind from birth tells us. The question which the Lord Jesus asks the blind man is the high point of the story: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (Jn 9:35). The man recognizes the sign worked by Jesus and he passes from the light of his eyes to the light of faith: “Lord, I believe!” (Jn 9:38).

It should be noted that as a simple and sincere person he gradually completes the journey of faith. In the beginning he thinks of Jesus as a “man” among others, then he considers him a “prophet” and finally his eyes are opened and he proclaims him “Lord”. In opposition to the faith of the healed blind man is the hardening of the hearts of the Pharisees who do not want to accept the miracle because they refuse to receive Jesus as the Messiah. Instead the crowd pauses to discuss the event and continues to be distant and indifferent. Even the blind man’s parents are overcome by the fear of what others might think.

And what attitude to Jesus should we adopt? Because of Adam’s sin we too are born “blind” but in the baptismal font we are illumined by the grace of Christ. Sin wounded humanity and destined it to the darkness of death, but the newness of life shines out in Christ, as well as the destination to which we are called. In him, reinvigorated by the Holy Spirit, we receive the strength to defeat evil and to do good.

In fact, the Christian life is a continuous conformation to Christ, image of the new man, in order to reach full communion with God. The Lord Jesus is the “light of the world” (Jn 8:12), because in him shines “the knowledge of the glory of God” (2 Cor 4:6) that continues in the complex plot of the story to reveal the meaning of human existence.

In the rite of Baptism, the presentation of the candle lit from the large Paschal candle, a symbol of the Risen Christ, is a sign that helps us to understand what happens in the Sacrament. When our lives are enlightened by the mystery of Christ, we experience the joy of being liberated from all that threatens the full realization.

In these days which prepare us for Easter let us rekindle within us the gift received in Baptism, that flame which sometimes risks being extinguished. Let us nourish it with prayer and love for others. Let us entrust our Lenten journey to the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church so that all may encounter Christ, Saviour of the world.

*Pope Benedict XVI (The Angelus Address Lent 4, 2011)*

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST LAWRENCE

### PALM SUNDAY, 2 APRIL

*Blessing of Palms, Procession and Mass*

Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am (gather on Feltham Green at 10.45am) & 1.00pm (Polish - Msza św.)

### MONDAY, 3 APRIL

8.15am Mass; 8.45am Eucharistic Adoration

9.15am – Morning Prayer; 9.30am – Mass

### TUESDAY, 4 APRIL

8.30am Eucharistic Adoration

9.15am - Morning Prayer; 9.30am – Mass

12 noon – Chrism Mass in Westminster Cathedral

6.00-6.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions;

7.00pm Mass

### WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL

8.30am Eucharistic Adoration

9.15am - Morning Prayer; 9.30am – Mass

7.30pm – (Polish - Droga Krzyżowa)

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6 APRIL

8.00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Watch of Prayer until midnight, concluding with Night Prayer (Compline)

### GOOD FRIDAY, 7 APRIL

10.00am – Family Stations of the Cross

11.00am – 1.00pm Confessions

11.00am – Walk of Witness (gather on Feltham Green)

3.00pm – The celebration of the Passion of the Lord

*(with veneration of the Cross)*

5.30pm – (Polish - *Liturgia Męki Pańskiej*)

7.30pm – Stations of the Cross

8.30pm-9.30pm – (Polish - *Adoracja Jezusa w grobie i adoracja krzyża*)

### HOLY SATURDAY, 8 APRIL

11.00am -12.00noon - Confessions

12.30pm-2.00pm – Polish Blessing of Easter Baskets

*(Święcenie Pokarmów)*

8.00pm – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

### EASTER SUNDAY, 9 APRIL

Mass at 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 1pm (Polish - Msza św.)

### EASTER MONDAY, 10 APRIL

9.45am - Morning Prayer; Mass at 10am & 1pm (Polish - Msza św.)

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Monday to Saturday before Mass and on Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm-6.45pm **except** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### CONFESSION

Confession will also 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

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. See poster for more information.

### FLOWERS

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

### UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 12noon

## MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon 20	8.15am 9.30am	Augustinho Vaz RIP Fr Gerry Burke RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Tues 21	9.30am	Glenda & Daniel Fernandes – Personal Intentions <b>NO ADORATION OR EVENING MASS</b>
Wed 22	9.30am	Caetano De Souza (Pele) RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Thurs 23	9.30am	Donald Wilson RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 24	9.30am	For the Intentions of Renie Clement Perez & Natalie Maximin
Sat 25	11.00am 5.00pm	Kerry Brown RIP Patrick Galligan RIP
* Sun 26	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Mario & Olga Pereira RIP Jose & Lourdes De Souza in Thanksgiving David, May & Bernard Early RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Sanctuary Lamp: Analiza Limgenco in Thanksgiving		

## CONFIRMATION

### EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale after Masses from 25/26 March for our Easter Raffle which will be drawn after the 11am Mass on **Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**. £1 per strip or £5 for 6 strips.

### 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 this **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March after the 9.30am and 11am Masses**, 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.

### ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023** at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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).

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-24

If you have been using Planned Giving envelopes your set of envelopes of for 2023-24 is ready for collection. Please see John or Clifton after Mass.

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE Fri 21 - Thurs 27 July

Travelling independently, we will join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Flying from Heathrow to Toulouse then a train to Lourdes at a cost of £759 per person sharing a twin room. Full board accommodation in a 3\* hotel. Single supplement £180.00, children 5-12 years 15% discount. Excursions extra. If interested, please email Fr David Cherry or Florie. Booking information will be given in a few weeks once we know how many are interested.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

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4-5 March: Loose £1,412.87 Envelopes £209.46 **Total £1,622.33**

11-12 March: Loose £1,527.97 Envelopes £255.55 **Total £1,783.52**

Standing Orders (February): £3,945.27 Youth Formation: £39.00

CAFOD Collection: £1,493.04 CAFOD Coffee Morning: £554.19

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