

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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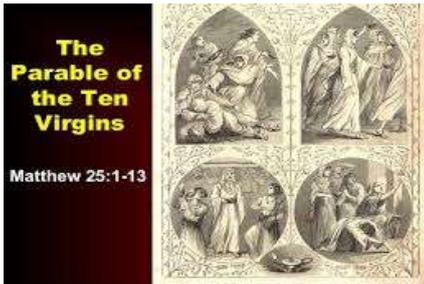
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 62; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Readings Next Week: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;

Matthew 25:14-30



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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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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## "Peace among thorns"

Dear Friends

"Cut and come again". At the moment it must seem that these days are a rerun of what we experienced in March with a national lockdown including the (hopefully) temporary cessation of public Masses. Our experience of both Church and life generally has been completely changed during 2020. We might well wonder what is going to happen next...

Amidst all this uncertainty and change it is vital to remind ourselves that God IS and remains. He is unchanging and His loving care is constant, although when we are in the midst of turbulent times such as these, that reality may appear to be rather distant. As in the last lockdown, we need to dig deep into our spiritual storehouses and I think, very importantly, try to live each moment as fully as possible.

On a practical level, it may help to build a routine into each day and stick with it. Regular times for prayer, work, recreation, meals, exercise and sleep will, I think, do a great deal to keep ourselves balanced and focussed. Some of you might like to try saying some of the Office, such as Morning and Evening Prayer and perhaps Night Prayer. Several monasteries and parishes such as Ampleforth Abbey and Staines have livestreaming facilities to allow you to listen in and participate. The psalms cover the whole range of human emotions. Cardinal Hume suggested that we might find a psalm that speaks to us at a particular time and "befriend" it. That too is prayer – and the world needs prayer more than ever at this time.

There is also another slightly different thing that we might try. As we experience the present moment and remain in it, try to cultivate periods of deliberate "idleness". That may sound counter intuitive: we are used to being busy – sometimes we think we need to be busy! Take some time to enjoy moments during the day – as I write this for instance there is a gorgeous view of the sunset over the Green. It's a reminder of the wonders of Creation – and that each moment is God's gift to us and we can and should take great encouragement from that. In this more circumscribed time, we can take time to enjoy once again those things that we are able to; it's a case of emphasising what we *can* do at the moment.

Armistice Day occurs during this coming week. We can and should remember those who gave their lives in both World Wars and other conflicts to bring us peace. It is, it has to be said, a rather thorny peace at the moment... nonetheless, when we are in right relationship with God and those around us, it is possible to find an interior peace and serenity that material satisfaction alone cannot give. It is something that is often visible to others before we realise it in ourselves; it's a lifetime's work – ultimately the continued desire to put God and others before ourselves. It is not always an easy path, but it bears so much fruit, often in serenity – something the wider world is rather short of. There is the well-known and beautiful "Serenity Prayer" by the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, which I think is very appropriate at this time:

*God grant me the Serenity*

*To accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And the Wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time,*

*Enjoying one moment at a time.  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as he did, this sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would like it.*

*Trusting that he will make all things right,  
If I surrender to his will.*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this world  
And supremely happy in the next.*

Let's pray for each other.

**FR. JOHN LOUIS**

**The Church is now closed for public Masses until at least December. However, the Church Porch will be open for individual prayer each day of the week:**

**Mondays-Saturdays: 11.00am-11.30am**

**Sundays: 10.30am-11.30am**

**Fr John and Fr John Louis will be celebrating Mass in private every day and the Mass Intentions will be prayed for. You can continue to offer a Mass Intention which will be said privately.**

- **Face coverings are mandatory in Church and all those attending must wear a face covering which should be kept on during the whole service - mouth and nose covered.**
- If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours
- Confessions **by appointment only** with social distancing

#### UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON:

**Funerals:** Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people, and it is advised that only close friends and family attend. Linked ceremonial events such as stone settings and ash scatterings can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance. Anyone working i.e. the priest, cantor, organist, pallbearers, stewards, etc. is not included in the 30.

**Weddings:** From Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, no weddings can take place unless in exceptional circumstances.

**NHS COVID-19 Test and Trace App:** On 24<sup>th</sup> September the NHS launched its Covid-19 Test and Trace App. This app has been developed to assist the Government with its test and trace policy and uses a smartphone. The app works by using the 'Bluetooth' system, which all smartphones have. It registers any other phones within a certain distance, which also has the app installed. This takes place between the phones themselves and its entirely anonymous. Please try and use this if you can.

#### THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

If you took an envelope last week please return it with your donation by posting it through the Presbytery letter box. If you did not take an envelope and would like to donate to this very worthy cause you can do so online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill.

#### SACRAMENTS

##### SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020/2021

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2020 and is not attending a Catholic School please email [theresafernandes@aol.com](mailto:theresafernandes@aol.com) for a registration form. This year classes will be by zoom. We require your child to take part in classes for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Further details will be on the application form.

##### RCIA COURSE 2020-21

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, either as an enquirer or a "returner", then the "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course is for you!! It's an opportunity to ask all those questions you thought up, but never quite got round to asking!! There is no commitment at the early stage - you may have a taster and decide you want to continue, or perhaps come back later on. This year, as with other Sacramental Classes, the course will be delivered via Zoom, at a time to be agreed with the participants. For more information please contact me by email [johntabor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:johntabor@rcdow.org.uk). Fr John Louis

#### REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Ron Birch RIP** and **Pat Byrne RIP** and all those who have passed away recently.

The funeral service for Ron Birch will take place at New Brentford Cemetery on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.

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

#### BLESSING OF GRAVES

##### NOVEMBER LISTS

We will not be providing blank sheets this year. Please bring in a sheet, with the names of those you wish to be remembered and place them in the basket on the table in the porch.

##### BLESSING OF GRAVES

If you would like your family grave blessed in November, please telephone Fr. John on his mobile 0787 905 8732 to arrange a day and time.

#### SCHOOLS

Reception Form signing - Please phone Fr John on 0787 905 8732

#### NEED HELP OR EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY?

Once again as we enter lockdown Caritas Westminster are able to offer some help with food vouchers. If you or anyone you know is experiencing financial difficulty at this time please contact Bridget Brinkley on 07805 299 941 or e-mail [mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mbridgetb@yahoo.co.uk). I will help you complete a short application form so you can get the necessary help you need. Please text, WhatsApp or leave a voice mail and I will return any call I miss ASAP. Please continue to pray for each other at this difficult time for so many and please keep in contact with others, no one should be alone during this time. *Bridget*

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!** 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**

#### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - SUNDAY MEDITATION

##### Meditate

Wisdom and foolishness are used elsewhere by Matthew to describe those who put the word of God in practice and build their house on rock and those who do not put the word into practice and build on sand (cf Mat 7:24-27). Wisdom or foolishness are not moral categories but refer to those who either obey or not God's invitation.

##### Act

The invitation is to be ready and put into practice what the word tells us to do. Think of a word from God that you might want to act on.

#### Bidding Prayers for the week:

**As members of Christ's body we are called to be the salt for the earth and light of the world, we bring before our loving creator the needs of the Church and of God's suffering people.**

We pray for all the clergy. May they minister to God's people in a spirit of wisdom, humility and loving service.

We pray for blessings on all our nation's veterans, and for the protection of those who serve in our armed forces and emergency services.

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind (*Holy Father's intention*).

On the anniversary of the Consecration of St Lawrence's, we pray for greater dedication to the Church among the community. May we see the Church not merely in terms of bricks and mortar but as the living body of Christ.

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.

**Loving Father, you sent your Son into our world as the human face of your love. Receive the prayers of those who call on you in his holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7	Frank Corrigan RIP Deceased members of the Venables Family RIP
Sun 8	Deceased members of the Braganza and Pereira Families RIP Francisco and Florina Pereira RIP Deceased members of the McGillicuddy Family RIP Thomas Francis Harrison RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Mon 9	Deceased members of Ivy Adams Family
Tues 10	Intentions of the Pham and Nguyen Families
Wed 11	Victor Fernandes RIP
Thurs 12	Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church
Fri 13	Sabina Alvares RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 14	Althea Roberts Intentions Isabella Dias RIP
Sun 15	Olga Pereira and Carafino Braganza RIP Deceased members of the Reis & Ferreira Families RIP Eamon O'Brien RIP Holy Innocents
Sanctuary Lamp: Gabriel Danladi RIP	