

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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11th/12th November 2023

Year A, Volume 2 (Page 152): Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 62; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday 19 November: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 155): Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

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Protecting your Privacy:

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www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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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 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd

Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by

Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Dear Friends,

November is the month of the dead when we remember and pray for all those who have gone to God before us. Today is of course Remembrance Sunday and could I ask that we pray for all our War Dead especially:

Brian Patrick Brownlie

Geoffrey Gerrard Chilton

Lucien Angelo Colarossi

William Edward Cummins

William Prince Edwards

Richard John Humphries

Peter Joseph McKeown

Brendan John Scanlon

William Curran

These men were all parishioners at St Lawrence's. They would have sat on the same benches that we still sit on today. Some would have been altar boys serving on the same sanctuary that we still celebrate Mass at today. I suspect that some of them would have known Fr Bridgeman who was our parish priest between 1936 and 1967. I know we still have a few parishioners who remember Fr Bridgeman so that connection with our past is the same connection that ultimately connects us to Jesus.

We can and we should remember those who gave their lives in both World Wars and other conflicts to bring us peace. Although, that said, with the current conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza it seems to me that there is no peace at the moment. So could I also ask that we remember those innocent civilians, many of whom are children and vulnerable adults in our prayers today.

Fortunately, for us, 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 doesn't give us. Ironically, it is something that is often visible to others before we realise it in ourselves.

In today's Gospel we are reminded we should be like the wise virgins, we should have our lamps ready for the coming of Christ. I often think our lifetimes work to be some kind of a pilgrimage or a journey, but particularly so at this time of the year as we are preparing for Advent. So now is the time to ask ourselves, are we ready for the coming of Christ? Are our lamps burning brightly or have we let our lamps go out? And perhaps most importantly of all do we sometimes fall asleep?

So, as we prepare for Advent I ask you all to keep your lamps bright, to keep praying, to keep that relationship with Jesus alive. Now would be a great time to experience the sacraments, (particularly, if you haven't been for a while, the sacrament of reconciliation). Try and find a moment to sit in silence every day and listen to what God is asking of you, and please be loving with your neighbour, even if your neighbour is on the other side of a political division.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- **November Lists** – are available at the back of Church, please fill in and place in the basket at the foot of the altar. The Memory Tree by the Baptistry is another way to leave a short message for a loved one.

- **Remembrance Sunday - 12 November** – The parade will take place at 2.45pm starting on Victoria Road with placing of wreaths by local dignitaries at the Cenotaph at 3pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after the service.

- **Sunday 12th November** at 6pm – Special Novena Mass in Konkani for the Goan Community in honour of Venerable Fr Agnelo D'Souza. See flyer on notice board for details of the **Feast Mass on 19th November**.

SACRAMENTS

WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 19th November** at 10.30am. You can still register if you attend a non-Catholic School and are in Year 2 or above. Please email Cathy Early, details overleaf.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session will be on **Saturday 18th November** at 3.15pm

CONFIRMATION

Group 2 will meet on **Thursday 16th November** at 6.30pm

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been searching for a deeper meaning for your life? Please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

Please speak to Fr John as soon as possible on 0787 905 8732.

RECEPTION - FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available for School Form signing on the following dates.

Tuesday 14, 21 & 28 November - 3.00pm-4.30pm

Please put your name on the lists on the notice board in the church porch. There are **15** slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and wait in Church including the Baptism Certificate. If you are unable to make these times please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732.

PRAYER MEETING

St. Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group inviting all Parishioners for their monthly Charismatic Prayer Meeting on **Saturday 18th November 2023**, from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm in the Parish Centre. All are Welcome with their Families and Friends! Come and experience God's Love & Mercy! Kindly contact Vincent: +447424599201/ George: +447597389002 for more details.

CARITAS ADVENT CALENDAR:

Caritas Westminster has prepared a different Advent Calendar that should help us think of those who are less fortunate or may be struggling at this moment. The calendar gives a suggestion for items to be donated to foodbanks for each day leading to Christmas. See noticeboard or porch glass for details. You can find it at

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC>.

Please put your donations in the white box. Donations will be given to the St Lawrence Foodbank hub and to Riverside Vineyard Storehouse. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

PROCEEDS TOWARDS PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses for a beautiful Christmas hamper filled with lots of exciting goodies. The draw will take place on **Sunday 17th December** after the 11am Mass.

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

(There will be Defibrillator and First Aid Training in the new year)

Many thanks in advance for your generous support

REPOSITORY

We have Christmas Cards, cards, 2024 religious calendars and a few gifts available in the Repository. The sale of Christmas items will, due to lack of space, be held in the lobby of the Parish Centre this weekend after the Masses.

INTERFAITH WEEK – 12TH-19TH NOVEMBER

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11	11.00am 5.00pm	Allen & Princy Goes – Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Daire O'Gallachoir RIP
✳ Sun 12	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm 3.00pm 6.00pm	In Thanksgiving Fernandes Family Helen Hurley – Birthday Thanksgiving Victor Crasta RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian Remembrance Service at Cenotaph Special Novena Mass for Fr Agnelo D'Souza in Konkani
Mon 13	8.15am 9.30am	Filomena Rodrigues RIP (Anniversary) Kate Stokes RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 14	9.30am 7.00pm	Deceased members of the Cota Cruz Family RIP Sr Mary O'Malley RIP
Wed 15	9.30am	Martin & Bridget Moore RIP (Anniv.)
Thurs 16	9.30am	Emita Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving
Fri 17	9.30am	Karol Michalak RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 18	11.00am 5.00pm	Camilo Barreto RIP (34 th Anniv.) Althea Adams-Roberts in Thanksgiving
✳ Sun 19	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Rosy & Carafino Bragança RIP Eamon O'Brien RIP Deceased members of the 11am choir RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian
Sanctuary Lamp: Michael Omoniyodu & Matthias Williams – Birthday Thanksgiving		

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael Ryan RIP, Ellen Daly RIP, Beryl Elsie Clarke RIP and Samson Isa RIP** who died recently.

Michael Ryan RIP – His funeral service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 14th November at 10.40am**

Please also keep their families and friends in your prayers.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND SANTIAGO DE

COMPOSTELA - This pilgrimage has now been filled and booking forms sent out. If spaces become available we will let you know.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Early Risers Breakfast Club have spaces available for children in the morning from 7-8.45am. If you would like your child to attend or know more about the Club please contact Kate Prasad on 07539 498952 or email earlyrisers19@gmail.com

TEDDS CLUB...

...are looking for help with the After School Club Monday to Friday from 3-6pm during term time. If you are interested or to learn more please call Sarah Allfree on 07971 994669

CARITAS - SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Following the Pope's call for October to be dedicate to praying for reconciliation in Ukraine please take a prayer card from the porch and pray for Ukraine. <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

REACH ACADEMY

Are opening a brand new school on the Feltham Barracks site in September 2024. **Between 17th October - 1st December**, they are conducting a formal public consultation to determine whether our academy trust should enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department for Education. The consultation is a statutory requirement under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010. <https://www.reachacademyhanworthpark.com/have-your-say>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

4-5 Nov: Loose: £1,674.39 Envelopes: £175.31 **Total: £1,849.70**

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: 627.60

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