

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Protecting your Privacy:

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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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## Reflection on Matthew 22:15-21

Repay to Cesar what belongs to Cesar, and to God what belongs to God.

Jesus made it clear from this declaration that every Christian holds dual citizenship, and both citizenships have their own benefits and duties. Our birth made us citizens of an earthly nation, while our baptism made us citizens of a heavenly kingdom. Sometimes those citizenships overlap, but in the end, our earthly citizenship will finish, while our heavenly one will last for eternity.

As the Catechism puts it, "Coming from God, going toward God, man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God." Freely giving back to (repaying) God means living as he created us to live.

And so, giving to God what belongs to God means obeying his commandments, and following the example of Christ, our Saviour, and heeding the teachings of his Church, ignoring God and his commands, as if he were far away, uninterested, or indifferent to our welfare - that would be a kind of spiritual thievery, like stealing from the emperor.

Similar to our citizenship there are duties associated with our earthly citizenship, although they will only last for our lifetime here on earth. God has created us to be relational, people who thrive when we collaborate in communion with each other. The pandemic has especially made all of us more aware of the need we have for the company, and assistance of others.

For us to live our human lives to the fullest, we must be responsible members of the communities in which we live. By banding together as citizens, we receive many benefits from public safety to health and other public services, and beyond. And so, it is our strict duty as a matter of justice to give back to society through obedience to good law and active collaboration, like paying taxes and doing community service.

Now as Christians who happen to live in a democracy, we often find ourselves at the intersection of our heavenly citizenship and our earthly one. And when we do so, we must distinguish between, what are referred to as the foundational issues where God has jurisdiction, those issues where we are called to follow his commands, and the secondary issues, where our allegiance is to the state.

Let's take a few minutes to reflect on how we can be good citizens of the state, giving to Caesar what belongs to him, as well as good citizens in Christ's Kingdom, giving to God what belongs to God.

Just as the Roman coin bore the image of their Emperor who made it, so too the human soul bears the "image and the likeness" of God, who calls us to a personal relationship with him. This is the whole purpose of our lives: to live in communion with God, from now through to an everlasting life.

Have a blessed week.

**Deacon Rolly**

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions will begin at **9.30am** from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and finish at 10.45am. If people are still waiting, we will continue after Mass.

### WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

The next session will be on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November** at 3.15pm

### CONFIRMATION

Group 2 will meet on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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? Do you share your life with a Catholic, perhaps you are supporting your husband or wife bringing up your children in the Catholic Faith? If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or you are thinking about becoming a Catholic 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**We do not have any spaces left for Mass Intentions for this year**

Allen Hall Seminary are able take Mass Offerings to help us out until the end of the year. If anyone wishes to offer a Mass please see Florie.

The 2024 Mass Intention book will be available at the end of November.

Masses and Intentions on Monday 23 October 8.15am, Tuesday 24 October 7pm and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm have been moved to other dates.

**Please note there is no 8.15am Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup> October or 7.00pm Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> October..**

### APPEAL FOR MONEY COUNTERS

If anyone in the parish is interested in helping with the weekly Money Count (aged 18+) please speak to Fr John. Please note married couples, siblings or members of the same family cannot count together. You will be required to count once every 4 weeks after the 11am Mass on Sundays, training given. Takes approximately 2 hours.

### YOUR PARISH SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

St Lawrence Catholic Primary School, our Parish School, is in urgent need of new Foundation Governors. We would ideally like members who are experienced in (but not limited to!) finance, facilities, education and Fund Raising - however, any skills that YOU have would be a great help for the school. Should you be interested or need more information please contact the School Office email: [office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk) or 020 8890 3878. Please see extended notice in the noticeboard and on the website.

### VISITING PRIESTS

A polite notice to all parishioners who have priest relatives/friends visiting on holiday. All visiting and supply priests need to have a Celebret (if ministering in England and Wales) or a Testimonial of Suitability for Ministry if coming from elsewhere. This is a legal requirement if they wish to celebrate or concelebrate Mass or any other service. Priests coming from abroad have to apply in advance to the Vicar General in Westminster so that appropriate checks can be carried out.

### PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

The parish is planning a pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal) and Santiago de Compostela (Spain) from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 for one week. The best price so far is £1000, all inclusive. For those **seriously** interested in going please let Florie know by **31 October**, by email or telephone.

### OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

During October the Rosary will be recited Monday to Friday after the 9.30am Mass. Saturday and Sunday please say at home with family.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**14-15 Oct:** Loose: £1,567.72 Envelopes: £222.58 **Total: £1,790.30**  
CAFOD: £89.60 (Gift Aid £6.25)

<https://portal.myдона.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=262>

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham Sort code: 40-05-20 – Acc. No: 71095528

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21	11.00am 5.00pm	Lucienne Cangy RIP Deceased members of the Pham Family RIP
☒ Sun 22	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Danielle Sebastian in Thanksgiving Theresa Obu RIP Helen Shinn RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Mon 23	9.30am	NO 8.15AM MASS Sr Maureen Murphy (Birthday Intention)
Tues 24	9.30am	Laurenco Martins Fernandes RIP NO EVENING MASS
Wed 25	9.30am	William & Venicia D'Costa in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary
Thurs 26	9.30am	Rose Ezech RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Fri 27	9.30am	Mason Godinho – Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 28	11.00am 5.00pm	Gladice Nicette RIP Fernando Cesar Soares and Maria Felicidade Barros RIP
☒ Sun 29	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Fernandes Family in Thanksgiving Immaculata Ame Olawuyi RIP Peter, Clement & Cristalina Rebello RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Sanctuary Lamp: Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP		

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Samson Isa RIP, Beryl Elsie Clarke RIP, Sr Mary O'Malley RIP, Ben Smith RIP, Teresa Obu RIP, Fr Dominic McKenna RIP, Marge Millyard RIP, Helena Duckett RIP, Eileen Hilda O'Flynn RIP**, who died recently.

**Beryl Elsie Clarke RIP** – Beryl will be received into Church on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm**. Her Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** at 11am.

Please also keep their families and friends in your prayers.

## SCHOOL OPEN DAYS AND OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE AND PARISH AREA

Please see the notice board and our website for School Open Days, Jobs around the Diocese and events in Feltham.

## STOREHOUSE AT RIVERSIDE VINEYARD

We have had an appeal from the Storehouse for donations of food and hygiene/cleaning products. The full list is on the notice board. We thank you for your generosity week in week out, it goes a long way to helping those in need.

## THE SHELTER PROJECT HOUNSLOW

launched Café Together in June 2022 to support those in the local community who need comfort, support or help. Café Together will be open at St Michael and St Martin's church centre, Bath Road, TW3 3EH, every Monday evening in October from 2nd October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. See notice board and our website for more details.

## NOVEMBER – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The November lists will be available at the back of Church. Please bring them back with you on 1 November and place in the basket.

**-Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Day** – Masses at 9.30am (with the School), 12.15pm, 7pm and 8pm (Polish).

**-Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls Day** – Masses at 8.15am, 9.30am and 12.15pm.

**-4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November** – Sick and Retired Priests' collection. Envelopes will be available next weekend. Please take one and bring back on 4/5 November.

**-Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** the blessing of graves will take place as follows:

**Hatton Cemetery** 1.00pm, **Bedfont Cemetery** 1.30pm,  
**Feltham Cemetery** 2.15pm

**Hanworth Crematorium** (for those whose ashes are buried there) 1.00pm,  
**Borough Cemetery** (Powder Mill Lane) 1.45pm,  
**Hounslow Cemetery** 2.15pm

**-Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** at 5pm we will have our Mass for Bereaved Families.

**-Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at 3pm there will be the Remembrance Parade on the Green followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Help required.

**-Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at 6pm – Special Mass in Konkani for the Goan Community in honour of Venerable Fr Agnelo D'Souza.



Reminder -The clocks **go back** by one hour next weekend (28/29 October)