ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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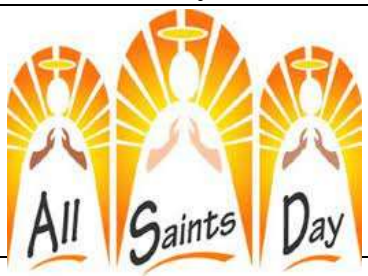
ALL SAINT'S DAY — 30th/31st October 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
ALL SOULS DAY: 2 November: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 26; Romans 5:5-11; Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6
Next Week: 32nd Sunday of the Year: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44



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NEW MASS TIMES FROM SEPTEMBER
Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am
Monday to Friday: 10am Mass
Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass
Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

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Dear Friends,

I must admit I'm not sure if it's even possible to put a number on the amount of saints recognised by our Catholic Church but surely it must be in the many thousands. Some were martyred for their faith but many led a life of service to their communities or even to individuals within their communities.

Sadly, these days our communities seem to be dominated by events that are beyond our control. Probably this is made even worse by those who are elected to represent us. It seems to me that at election time there are two strategies that are used by candidates. First the negative, i.e. don't vote for my opponent as he/she will be a disaster for our community and then quickly followed by the positive, "vote for me" as I will bring heaven on earth to our town or city. It seems to me that the first option is used more often. The problem with this is, that it makes us less happy as we feel we are voting for the lesser of two evils.

It could be argued that the same is true in our own lives. We could do negative things that might be so bad we could even end up in prison or we could do positive things that say I love and respect you and will help you to the best of my abilities.

Without any exceptions all of the saints whose lives we celebrate today are those people who chose to love. I'm sure we all have our favourites who have inspired us personally, and it would be true to say that one of mine would be St Teresa of Calcutta, who could have had a life quite different from the one she was called to live. But instead she chose of her own free will to love and to serve the poorest of the poor. Clearly she listened when The Holy Spirit talked to her.

I don't know if God will ever call any of us to a life of service in the developing world but I do know that Pope Francis has recently given each one of us an opportunity to listen to each other with love and respect with The Synodal Pathway. We should take this opportunity to discern the way forward best suited to our situation here in Feltham.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

WESTMINSTER SYNODAL PATHWAY

Over the next 5 weeks we shall be asking for your thoughts and expectations on our Communion, Participation and Mission for the church moving forward. This is a listening process, not consultation. Please be reassured that there are no wrong answers and all feedback will be gratefully received.

Cathy Early and Janet Danladi

The Sunday obligation is still suspended.

Masks are recommended when in Church.

When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace.

Please continue to sanitize your hands.

If you, your child or family member has a cold, please do not come to Church until your cough has cleared as cases are rising again.

The Government guidelines states that you should not come to church if you have Covid-19 symptoms, or you are shielding or self-isolating.

Bidding Prayers for the week:

We bring to our loving Father all intentions of our world, society and Church today.

We pray for Pope Francis: may he be given strength always to lead God's people bravely and courageously.

We pray for the grace to understand what unites and motivates the great company of saints, in all their diversity and the various circumstances of their lives on earth.

Protect the defenceless that they might not be harmed by the thoughtless bullying, or even violent action of others.

We pray for those in our schools, colleges and universities: may they be blessed in their learning and formation.

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, we make all these prayers in faith, confident that you will hear and answer all our prayers brought before you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SUNDAY SCHOOL

If your child is in a non-Catholic school and is in Year 2 or above and would like to prepare for First Holy Communion, please enrol your child for Sunday School classes. Please request the relevant form from theresafernandes@aol.com.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be a rehearsal for **ALL existing** altar servers on **Saturday 13th November and 20th November** at 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you at the rehearsal. Training for new servers will be at a later date.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY

From **Wednesday November 3rd** the Novena to Our Lady will take place **after** the 10am Mass.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

The second collection next week **6/7 November** will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation.

✝ NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS ✝

The Commemoration of Holy Souls will be celebrated on **November 2nd** at 10am and 6pm.

Blessing of Graves: Fr John, Fr Joseph and Deacon Colin will be available on **Sunday 7th November** to pray over and bless the graves of parishioners buried in local cemeteries. If you would like to have the grave of a loved one blessed, just turn up and wait at your loved one's grave for one of the priests.

Hatton Cemetery – 2.00pm; Bedfont Cemetery – 2.30pm; Feltham Cemetery – 3.15pm

Hanworth Crematorium – 2.00pm (for those whose ashes are buried there); Borough Cemetery (Powder Mill Lane) – 2.30pm and Hounslow Cemetery – 3.15pm.

A schedule of blessing of graves in all cemeteries in the Hounslow Borough is displayed on the noticeboard

November Lists – 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 – Could you help on Remembrance Sunday, **14th November**, to set up the Parish Centre, prepare and serve refreshments (tea and biscuits) and tidy up afterwards? If so, please let Florie know and come to the Parish Centre at 2.00pm to get everything ready before the service at Feltham War Memorial. There is no parade this year but there will be placing of wreaths by local dignitaries at 3pm.

Special Mass for the recently bereaved – On **Tuesday 23rd November at 7pm** we shall be celebrating a special Mass to pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners, who have died over the past two years and to pray for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving.

A CALL FOR READERS

If anyone would like to **read at the 8am Mass on Sundays**, please speak to a member of the Pastoral Team.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN ADULTS (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 are interested in learning more or thinking about becoming a Catholic, please call Fr John or Fr Joseph.

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS ILL OR HOUSEBOUND?

If you know of someone who is ill in hospital or at home, or elderly or housebound, please ask them if they would like someone from the parish to visit them for a chat or with Communion, so that we can offer them and their family the support of our prayers and be a tangible sign of Christ's love for them in their need. Please call Fr John or Fr Joseph.

CAFOD COP26 GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION FOR THE CLIMATE

CAFOD will be marching for climate justice in London **on Saturday 6th November.** CAFOD supporters will meet at St Mary, Moorfields, 4-5 Eldon Street, London EC2M 7LS from 11am to then join the main March. Miriam and Peter McEneaney from our parish will be attending the march and can meet parishioners at Feltham station at 9.30am on the day. If you'd like to join them, please contact Miriam on 07790-758-056.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

The school car park is **closed for car and pedestrian access until further notice** as major trench work is taking place.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Martin Adu-Kwanin RIP, Blasia D'Cunha**, **Denise Holme RIP and Jim Cooney RIP** who died recently. Please also keep their families and loved ones in your prayers at this time.

Martin Adu-Kwanin RIP – His Requiem will take place here on **Thursday 25th November** at 12noon.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30	11am	Pasquela Fernandes RIP
	5pm	Myles Rodrigues Intentions (Birthday)
Sun 31	8am	Peter O'Brien RIP
	9.30am	Deceased members of the Ordona and De La Cruz Families RIP
	11am	Frank and Sheila Macken in Thanksgiving (60th Wedding Anniversary)
Mon 1	10am	Alice Danladi (Birthday Intention)
Tues 2	10am	HOLY SOULS
	6pm	HOLY SOULS
Wed 3	10am	Eamon O'Brien RIP
Thurs 4	10am	Holy Souls in Purgatory (Surenthiran Family) RIP
Fri 5	10am	Deceased members of the Rodrigues Family RIP
Sat 6	11am	Arlinda Liyug RIP (First Anniversary)
	5pm	Stuart Spicer RIP
Sun 7	8am	Logarta Family in Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Isabel Menezes RIP (Anniversary)
	11am	Constancio Fernandes RIP (First Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: The Wilson Family in Thanksgiving		

Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church.

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THE PRAYER OF THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.