

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Year A, Volume 2 (Page 131): Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday 1/10/2023: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 134): Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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Protecting your Privacy:

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

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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am 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

Reflection on Matthew 20:1-16

Matthew 20:1-16 is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Though each started to work in the vineyard at a different hour, at the end of the day they all received the same pay. The workers who worked longer hours were upset that those who worked only one hour received the same pay they did.

The general idea of the parable is that everyone comes to the vineyard (faith) at different points in their lives. Some people are lifelong disciples of Jesus, and some people convert only toward the end of their lives. In the kingdom of God, both groups are treated the same. By human standards, we perhaps might view this as unjust. Yet Jesus points out that the reward for their long work (heaven) is fair, and the only reason that others receive this same reward is because of the generosity of the owner of the vineyard (God). It is his (God's) to do with as he pleases. So long as we have not been treated unjustly, how could we reasonably complain that God is generous to others?

God generously grants us the faith to believe in Jesus Christ in his world. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...For by grace you have been saved through faith ...not as a result of works, so that no man may boast." (Romans 5:8, Ephesian 2:8-9)

We don't deserve to escape God's wrath because of our sin. This undeserved gift of Salvation in Jesus is the epitome of God's generosity.

God may give others more than we think they deserve, and he may give us less than we think we deserve. But, praise God that he has not given those of us in Christ what we actually deserve! Every gift God gives comes by grace.... from our salvation to the reward of our work. (Romans 2:6)

And, God will never be unfair, for he is just. He will be, and has been, more than fair and abundantly generous to those who receive Christ as Lord and Saviour, and for that we praise him.

Have a blessed week.

Deacon Rolly

MASS HEADCOUNT

The annual Mass Headcount will take place in the Church during all the weekend Masses from the 22/23 September for four weeks, as directed by the Diocese

NEW ROTAS FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Available in the Sacristy

SACRAMENTS

WALK WITH JESUS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

You can still register if you attend a non Catholic School and are in Year 2 or above. Please email Cathy Early, details overleaf.

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

Please contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732 if you would like to have your child baptised.

MARRIAGES

At least six months' notice is required for the preparation of marriage paperwork, especially for marriages taking place overseas. Contact Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732 as early on in your marriage plans.

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

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

Tuesday 26 September and 3 October

Time: 3.30pm-5.30pm

Please put your name on the lists on the notice board in the church porch. There are 20 slots for each date. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need and wait in Church including the Baptism Certificate and Certificate of Catholic Practice forms. If you are unable to make these times please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732.

COFFEE MORNING FOR THE ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

Helen Hurley will be hosting a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 24th September** after the 9.30am and 11am Masses in aid of the Zimbabwean Orphans. Thank you for your donations and help. Please support this worthy cause on Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

The 2024 Mass Intention book will not be available until the end of November.

Would the person who handed in 3 Mass Intentions to Fr Gregory on 7th September and the people who have offered Masses on Monday 23 October 8.15am, Tuesday 24 October 7pm and Tuesday 5th December 7pm please contact Florie as soon as possible.

SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

All senior members in the parish including those who cannot always get to Church are invited to a special Mass in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 1st October at 2.30pm**. This will be followed by tea and a social gathering.

CAFOD

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on Friday 6th October, a day when we can pray, give and eat simply in solidarity with our global family. A collection will be taken up the **weekend of 7th/8th October**. Please use the collection envelopes for your donation and complete the Gift Aid section if eligible to do so. There are some copies of *Side by Side* magazine available at the back of the Church which explains about some of the amazing work that has been possible because of donations given to CAFOD.

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.

Fund Raising is extremely important to us as we need to raise our contribution of £140,000 towards the new 'El-Camino' teaching block. As we are a voluntary aided school, The Parish Community and Governors are required to pay 10% of all costs towards any Capital Project in the School. A Foundation Governor is appointed in the name of the Archbishop of Westminster at the recommendation of either the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, and their responsibility is to preserve the Catholic character of the school. Governors will need to be able to attend a meeting of the Governing Board every Half-Term and serve on either the Resources Committee or Curriculum Committee once every Term. Should you be interested or need more information please contact the School Office on 020 8890 3878 or email: office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23	11.00am 3.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	Stephanie Fernandes in Thanksgiving Mass in Tagalog Deceased members of the Gill & Foxen Families Mass in Ukrainian
☒ Sun 24	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Cianza Fernandes – 1 st Birthday Thanksgiving Rita & Luis Fernandes RIP Mama Felicia A Forson RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Mon 25	8.15am 9.30am	Agostinha Aveiro De Freitas RIP Rodolfo Couto RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 26	9.30am 7.00pm	Alina Rangel in Birthday Thanksgiving Vincent Fernandes & Natal Maria Gomes RIP
Wed 27	9.30am	Teresa Conneely – Good Health
Thurs 28	9.30am	Pham Family Intentions
Fri 29	9.30am	Clema Antao RIP
Sat 30	11.00am 5.00pm	Esther Kusi-Appiah RIP (10 th Anniversary) Ethel Tolansky (Intention)
☒ Sun 1	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Agostinha Aveiro De Freitas RIP Chris Lydon RIP James Cooney RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass for Seniors in the Parish Centre
Sanctuary Lamp: Sr Mary O'Malley RIP		

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Sr Mary O'Malley RIP, John Paul Lafferty RIP, Eileen Hilda O'Flynn, Marge Millyard RIP, Paul Fenlon RIP, Helen Shinn RIP, Theresa Ryan RIP, Anne Byrne RIP and Violet Payne RIP** who died recently.

Eileen Hilda O'Flynn RIP – Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 26th September** at 11am.

Marge Millyard RIP – Her Funeral Service will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 3rd October** at 11am.

Please also keep their families and friends in your prayers.

EARLY RISERS AND TEDDS CLUB

Spaces available in September for the *Early Risers Breakfast Club* and *Tedds After School Club*. Please contact Kate Prasad for the *Breakfast Club* on 07539 498952 or email earlyriser19@gmail.com or Sarah Allfree for *Tedds Club* on 07971 994669

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE – OPEN EVENTS

Open Mornings - Admission to Year 7 in 2024

Thursday 28th September and 5th October

Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am *No appointment necessary*

Sixth Form Open Evening - Admission to Year 12 in 2024

Wednesday 27th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS.

Please visit their website and click on the link to register your place for the open events (www.gunnersbury.com).

Wednesday, 27 September 2023 – Open Evening

5.00pm – 7.30pm with Headteacher's address at 6.00pm and 6.45pm

Wednesday, 27 September 2023 – Open Afternoon

1.30pm – 3.00pm with Headteacher's address at 2.30pm

Monday, 2 October 2023 – Open Afternoon

1.30pm – 3.00pm with Headteacher's address at 2.30pm

Wednesday, 4 October 2023 – Open Morning

10.30am – 11.30am

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Thursday 5th October – Open Morning

9.00am-11am. Headteacher talk from 10.20am

Wednesday 11th October – Open Morning – as per 5th October

Wednesday 11th October – Open Evening

5pm-8pm. Headteacher talk from 7.15pm

Please visit their website to register for the open events

(www.gumleyhouse.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

16-17 Sept: Loose: £1,391.54 Envelopes: £189.50 **Total: £1,581.04**

Standing order and Online for August: £3,733.60

Comboni Missions: £1,045.87

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