

# ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 9</b>	11am 5pm	Daire O'Gallachoir RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) Camilo Barreto RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Sun 10</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Rosie & Carafino Bragança RIP Diniz Dias RIP (Birthday Remembrance) REQUIEM MASS FOR WAR DEAD Semetrina Pereira RIP
<b>Mon 11</b>	9.30am	Simon & Lucia Dias in Thanksgiving
<b>Tues 12</b>	9.30am	Althea Adams – Birthday Intention
<b>Wed 13</b>	9.30am	Kate Stokes RIP
<b>Thur 14</b>	9.30am	Oscar Viegas RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Fri 15</b>	9.30am	Mary Francis RIP
<b>Sat 16</b>	11am 5pm	Teresa Mahon RIP Deceased members of the Gomes Families
<b>Sun 17</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Agostinho Gonsalves RIP (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Souls of the Rosario & D'Silva Families Frank Macken RIP Dominic Dieseru – Special Intention

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the deceased souls of the Venables Family

### OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

**Confessions and Adoration:** Saturdays 9.30am to 10.45am

**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 9.15am

**Rosary:** Monday & Friday 10am

**St Anthony Devotion:** Tuesday 10am

**Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wednesday 10am

**Polish Mass:** Sundays 1.00pm

**Ukrainian Mass:** 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm

**Malayalam Mass:** 3rd Sunday 2.30pm

**Fillipino Mass:** 4th Saturday 3pm

**Nigerian Mass:** 4th Sunday 2.30pm

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:** 8.30am – 4pm

**Wednesday & Friday:** 8.30am – 1pm

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We've read the commentaries and heard the homilies: "The poor widow is an example of generosity. You should be generous like her." I suspect many of us have heard that message often. But are we listening for other meanings? Sometimes, we become so familiar with this story that we accept the usual interpretations without seeking a deeper understanding. We might even anticipate its use to criticise the rich or to remind us of the unfair distribution of the world's resources. We know, after all, that so many live without basic needs—without enough money, food, shelter, education, healthcare.

While these interpretations are valid, there's something deeper in this story. This Gospel isn't only about the treasury of money; it's about the treasury of poverty.

God, grant me the riches of poverty, for in such largesse lies my power and glory.

Poverty is often seen as a problem to solve, but not in today's gospel. The poverty of the widow is not a problem but a virtue. The poor widow becomes our teacher, and we, her students.

We can't see Jesus until we see the widow and recognise her as one of us, not as someone apart from us.

The riches of poverty come from letting go—letting go of comparison, competition, and judgement: letting go of status, reputation, and control; letting go of illusions that make us feel better. Ultimately, it's about letting go of ourselves and those we love most.

This is where the poor widow lives, where God lives. In the face of the poor widow, Christ sees himself.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Rolly

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, *Valerie Lobo, Regina Offiah and John Fernandes*, for those whose anniversaries occur, and for all whose names are written in our Holy Souls Remembrance Book, may they rest in peace. Amen.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Saint Josaphat**

Bishop and Martyr (c.1580-1623)

Memorial, 12<sup>th</sup> November

*"I should be happy to give my life for you..."*

*I am ready to die for the holy union"*

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today, Year B Vol 2, p.154

1st Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145;

2nd Reading Hebrews 9:24-28; Gospel Mark 12:38-44

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1st Reading Daniel 12:1-13; Psalm 15;

2nd Reading Hebrews 10:11-14.18; Gospel Mark 13:24-32

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER DESIGN** - Our Diocesan Communications Department have created a new website for the parish. It is modern, fresh, vibrant and captures our parish expertly. Included in this redesign is our beautiful icon of St Lawrence, through which hearts of the people of the parish we hope will be drawn into the heart and prayer of St Lawrence, our patron Saint. The website is a 'work in progress', updating continuously, making our parish more media and IT accessible. The website address to access it has not changed; it remains the same as the top of this newsletter. In keeping with the style of the new website, we have developed the newsletter also to this current format, with updates such as Mass details on the front. We hope you like them both.

**UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME 2024-5** - This is a year-long leadership programme for **18-30 year olds** that will equip them with all the **necessary practical and spiritual skills** to lead a youth group in their parish including safeguarding training, public speaking etc. The entire programme concludes with an opportunity to participate in the **diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes** as chaplains to the Redcaps. We also hope that during their training they will, with the permission of their parish priest, **set up and run a regular youth group**. For information. <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/upper-roomleadership-programme/>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & WALK WITH JESUS** - The next First Holy Communion class will take place **on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 3pm**, and Walk with Jesus on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, after the 9.30am Mass**, both taking place in the school hall.

First Holy Communion Preparation Class for older children (year 6 and above) is on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 1.00pm** in Church.

**CONFIRMATION – YOUNG ADULTS** - The next Confirmation 'getting to know you' meetings will take place in Church from 5pm-6.20pm on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have not yet booked your slot, please contact Cathy as soon as possible.

**APPLICATIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS (RECEPTION)** - You can now book an appointment with Father Mike for those who are applying for Primary School entrance, (Reception Class) beginning September 2025. If you physically live in the parish or you regularly worship here, please sign up to an available slot at the back of church, the dates for which are **Fridays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 3.30pm – 5.30pm**. These dates and times are the only ones available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practise (CCP). The CCP is certifying your Catholic Practice at Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation over several years and without this regular practice, regrettably, it is not possible for a CCP to be issued.

**ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL RECEPTION ADMISSION** - Admission to Reception for September 2025. Please call our school office on 0208 890 3878 to book your place on our school tour. School Tour - **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024** - 9.15am-10.30am.

**FRIENDS CIRCLE (FORMER UCM)** – will meet next on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** at 12.30pm in the Presbytery.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** - The Parish Prayer Group meet on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** for Worship and Prayer in Church from 6.15-7.45pm.

**REPOSITORY** – The Repository has a section of Christmas Cards, 2025 calendars and other items. Please stop and have a look.

**READERS HALF-DAY REFLECTION** - On **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a half-day reflection for **ALL** readers including those who would like to be a reader, starting with 11am Mass followed by training of the New Lectionary which comes into effect on the First Sunday of Advent. The day of reflection will finish about 4.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. **Please note that it is mandatory for all Readers to attend.**

**VACANCIES** --St Lawrence Primary School are looking for a handy man on an ad hoc basis. Please call the School Office for more information 020 8890 3878. St Richard Reynolds Catholic College have vacancies for Teachers and Support Staff. Job vacancies within the Diocese. Please see the notice board for more details.

## **WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL**

If your son has musical potential, in Years 2, 3 or 4 and you would like to know more, you are invited to a Zoom session on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm for 30 minutes. For the zoom link please email Lucy Freeman at [lfreeman@choirschool.com](mailto:lfreeman@choirschool.com)

## **THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK**

– The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 72 retired priests, at a cost of **£976,000**. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission 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.** You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate 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. If so, please take a leaflet home today. And please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – The parade will take place at **2.45pm this Sunday** starting from Victoria Road to the war memorial. A short service and placing of wreaths will take place at 3.00pm. Refreshments at Community Room, Bridge House.

**NOVEMBER LISTS** – Sheets are available at the back of Church. Please take one, 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 prayer for a loved one.

**HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE** is the call from the Bishops of England and Wales, joining them kneeling in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the dignity of human life and to uphold a culture of life in our countries. Cardinal Vincent Nichols says that 'in particular our focus is on the end of life and praying together in front of the Blessed Sacrament that assisted suicide will not become law in our lands.' **At 10.30am on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> November**, we will have a Holy Hour in church, uniting our prayers with those of the Bishops. To read more about this visit our parish website.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Loose £2,506.21 Envelopes £280.50 **Total £2,786.71**

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