

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

23rd - 24th November 2024

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| Sat 23 | 11am | Harry Haldane RIP (Anniversary) |
| | 5pm | Mary Stokes RIP (10 th Anniversary) |
| Sun 24 | 8am | Antonio Carvalho RIP (2 nd Anniversary) |
| | 9.30am | Ida Fernandes in Thanksgiving |
| | 11am | |
| | 7pm | Deceased members of the 11am Choir RIP Herman Schmidt RIP |
| Mon 25 | 9.30am | Katherine Soares RIP (Anniversary) |
| Tues 26 | 9.30am | Margaret & William Chappells RIP |
| Wed 27 | 9.30am | Glemcy Pereira RIP |
| Thur 28 | 9.30am | Eric & Cina Fernandes in Thanksgiving |
| Fri 29 | 9.30am | Thomas Magill RIP |
| Sat 30 | 11am | Lourdinho Soares RIP (Anniversary) |
| | 5pm | Mayola Gomes (Intention) |
| Sun 1 Dec | 8am | Johnny & Priscilla Vaz in Thanksgiving |
| | 9.30am | Lawrence Murray RIP (Anniversary) |
| | 11am | Timothy Cahalane RIP (Anniversary) |
| | 7pm | Simey Doherty RIP |

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the souls of the Fernandes & Vaz Families

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

Filipino Mass: 4th Saturday 3pm

Nigerian Mass: 4th Sunday 2.30pm

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8.30am – 4pm

This weekend – the Solemnity of Christ the King, and Youth Sunday - we give thanks to God for the gift of the youth in our families, parishes and schools, for your service to our communities, and for your vibrancy, energy and uniqueness that shows the Kingdom of God in action in refreshing ways.

I often hear parishioners talking affectionately about you as the ‘future of the Church,’ and, indeed, you are! But you are not simply the future. You are very much the present, and you all have something extraordinary to offer the living Church of today. For as Pope Francis reminds us, ‘our young parishioners are the fertile and new soil that God gives to Christian communities, bearing witness to Him.’

Linking this with today’s Solemnity, Pope Benedict XVI underlined that ‘Christ was born into the world (but not of it) to witness and to reveal that God is love, and this is the truth to which He witnessed to the full with the sacrifice of His own life on Calvary.’ Yes, this is the truth that we, too, are all called to bear witness in our desperate world today; in all things turn to the God of love. This takes great courage, to spread the light and hope of the Lord, and we can do it!

Going on, Pope Benedict XVI said, ‘Dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and He gives you everything. When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life.’ Today, remembering that we are all co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and rose again for, may we all open wide the doors to Christ more fully and be living witnesses to the King of Love.

Have a blessed week

Father Mike

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, **Andrzej Zabrodzin** whose funeral takes place here on **Wednesday 27th November at 12.30pm** and **Roza Maria Valerie Myra Lobo**, whose funeral takes place here on **Thursday, 28th November at 11am** and 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 Andrew

Apostle and Patron Saint of Scotland (died 60/70 CE)

Feast, 30th November

“The Cross of Christ is the foundation of our faith, the cause of our hope, and the assurance of our love.”

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today, Year B Vol 2, p.160

1st Reading Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92;

2nd Reading Apocalypse 1:5-8; Gospel John 18:33-37

First Sunday of Advent (C), p.82

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25;

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:2;

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

ADVENT - There will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday morning from 8.30am-9.15am in Advent.

NEW LITURGICAL BOOKS AND PARISH MASS BOOKS -

We will be using our new Liturgical books and the New Parish Mass Book for Year C, Volume 1 from next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. Thank you to all who donated towards these books. Those who had donated towards the lectionaries and Book of Gospels have their names in the books and there is a list on the wall of all those who donated to the Volume 1 of Year C Parish Mass books.

PARISH MEETING - Having now met with all the different Parish Groups, Fr Mike would like to have a Parish Meeting inviting all parishioners to a meeting on **Sunday 15th December from 11.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Centre** to let him know your thoughts about the parish and ideas for the future.

PARISH OFFICE – Florie will be away on annual leave from 22nd November returning 10th December. Please only contact the pastoral team for urgent matters. Requests for letters, Masses, copies of Baptism or Confirmation Certificates will be done on her return.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Please pray for our first group of children as they prepare for their First Reconciliation on **Saturday 7th December** at 1.30pm.

WALK WITH JESUS - the next meeting will be on **Sunday 1st December after the 9.30am Mass.**

CONFIRMATION – YOUNG ADULTS – The next session for Group 2 will be on **Thursday 28th November** at 6.30pm.

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 27th November 2024** - 9.15am-10.30am.

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

JUSTICE AND PEACE / CARITAS REPRESENTATIVE - The West London Justice and Peace network meet 3 times a year online and one face to face. They discuss all issues relating to CAFOD (overseas), Caritas (local social action) and Justice and Peace. Issues range from Food Banks, winter night shelters, creation and climate change, the Church's call for nuclear disarmament, Fairtrade etc. If you are interested in becoming a representative, working alongside Miriam, our current parish rep, please leave your contact details in the parish office, marked *Justice and Peace / Caritas Rep*, and Miriam will be in touch with you.

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 of items to be donated to foodbanks for each day leading to Christmas. See noticeboard or porch glass for details. You can also find it at www.caritaswestminster.org.uk. Please put your donations in the white box in Church. Donations will be given to the St Lawrence Foodbank hub and to Riverside Vineyard Storehouse.

FRIENDS CIRCLE – will meet on Monday 25th November at 12.30pm in the presbytery.

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 27th November at 6.30pm for 30 minutes. For the zoom link please email Lucy Freeman at lfreeman@choirschool.com

THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND THANK YOU –

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live our their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. You can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers. The collection will remain open until the end of November.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL -

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas concerts which celebrate the mystery of Christ's Incarnation in carols and readings performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, **on 18 and 19 December at 7.30pm**. We encourage everybody to purchase tickets quickly before these popular events are sold out. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop or directly from Ticketmaster; go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

MASS INTENTION BOOKINGS FOR 2025 - Florie will be available in the porch on Monday 16th December from 10am-11am to take Mass Intention bookings for 2025. **PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT MORE THAN THREE (3) MASS INTENTIONS PER FAMILY.**

This will allow everyone in Church to have a Mass said for their intention. Any extra masses will be sent to retired priests, the seminary or missions. Please consider grouping your intentions *e.g. in Thanksgiving Fernandes family or Deceased Souls of the Fernandes & Vaz families or for the intentions of the Smith Family*. Forms will be available to write your intentions (one per family), please complete both sides of the form. Please do not post your intentions through the door or hand them to any clergy or Pastoral Team as they will not be given any priority. The Diocese of Westminster suggest a Mass offering of £10.00 per Mass and £5.00 for a Sanctuary Lamp, which can be paid in cash or using the Contactless machine at the time of booking.

ST LAWRENCE PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group will meet for Praise and Worship in the Parish Centre after the 5.00pm Mass on **Saturday 30th November 2024**. The December meeting will be on Saturday 21st after the 5pm Mass.

THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL - Please click the link below for the statement of the Bishops Conference from the meeting which was held in Leeds this week; concerning the Assisted Suicide Bill. Please inform yourself and others about this issue and contact your Member of Parliament to make your opposition known, asking him or her to oppose or not support the Bill. <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-assisted-suicide-nov24/>. Copies of the statement are available in the porch as are cards to complete and send to your MP.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

16th – 17th November

Loose £1,421.84 Envelopes £187.50 **Total £1,609.34**

Sick & Retired Priests Fund: £952.25

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