

**ST LAWRENCE
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Second Sunday of the Year – Year C

18TH – 19TH January 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 18	11am 5pm	Seby Pires – Birthday Thanksgiving Dave Crawley RIP (Birthday Remembrance)
Sun 19	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Dcs'd souls of Lobo & Pereira Families RIP People of the Parish Eloise Gonsalves – 2 nd Birthday Thanksgiving John Igboanugo Jnr RIP
Mon 20	9.30am	Janet D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 21	9.30am	Lino de Braganza – Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 22	9.30am	Frankie and Nancy Fernandes in Thanksgiving, 23 rd Wedding Anniversary
Thur 23	9.30am	Amy Stokes RIP (Month's Mind)
Fri 24	9.30am	Sylvia D'Mello RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 25	11am 5pm	Angel Carbungco RIP (Anniversary) Helen Abiegbe in Thanksgiving
Sun 26	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	People of the Parish Michael McManus RIP (B'day Remembrance) Ronald Henry RIP (Anniversary) Esperanca Pinto RIP

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of the Fernandes 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

Filipino 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

As I write this, Gaza teeters on the edge of a peace deal; may our prayers continue for a positive, lasting outcome. It is a very poignant moment that nine of the Bishops of England and Wales, including two from our own Diocese – Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Bishop Jim Curry (our area Bishop) – embarked on a pilgrimage of solidarity to the Holy Land on Saturday. It is organised by the Holy Land Coordination, through the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and is defined by four Ps – presence, prayer, pilgrimage, and pressure. Embarking on this year's pilgrimage of solidarity, bringing these four Ps together, the bishops reaffirm to the Christians in the Holy Land that they are not forgotten, which, as Bishop Hudson underlined, is 'a moment to stand again alongside those who have endured unimaginable hardship. It will be a time to reaffirm our bond of communion with the Church in the Holy Land, and with all who suffer and are without hope.'

Bishop Nicholas continues: 'We look forward to returning, just weeks after Christmas, to the cradle of our faith, the land where Jesus was born and walked, died and was raised to new life, a land which will always remain of profound significance for all who form a part of Christ's body. The devastation of war and suffering in the Holy Land is heart-breaking. The trauma felt in the region, especially that of children, is beyond measure; and the need for prayer, support, and to find ways to end the violence has never been more urgent.'

Dear friends, we pray more deeply, on this Peace Sunday, for the success and safety of this pilgrimage, for enduring peace in the Holy Land and throughout our world. For as the opening prayer at Mass this weekend presents to us, 'Almighty and ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.' Amen

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful week ahead.

Fr Mike

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Geraldine Carter, John Sealy, John Murphy, Fr Sean Carroll, Kevin O'Connor whose funeral takes place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Tuesday 28th January at 2pm**, John Christopher Stoker RIP whose Funeral Mass takes place here on **Thursday, 30th January at 9.30am** (this will also be the parish Mass) and Thomas Francis Finnegan who Funeral Mass takes place here on **Friday 7th February at 11am**. We also pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor (1567-1622)

Memorial, January 24

"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love and an ocean of patience."

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 127

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96;

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Gospel: John 2:1-11

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 129

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18;

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30;

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

APPLICATIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS (NURSERY) You can now book an appointment with Father Mike for those who are applying for Primary School entrance, (Nursery 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 **31st January and 7th February at 3.30pm**. 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.

COFFEE MORNING – Thank you to Confirmation Group 1 and to all of you for your support at the Coffee morning last Sunday. An amazing £416.20 was raised towards the Youth Fund. Your cakes and service were amazing.

LOURDES IS CALLING - Like you, I love pilgrimages and especially pilgrimage to Lourdes, where my calling to priesthood was deeply realised. I hope we can begin to enjoy pilgrimages together beginning with our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on the 25th July to 1st August 2025. It would be great to have a large parish contingent during this 'Jubilee Year', where we can take our parishioners, especially the sick, to Jesus, through our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette. I would also encourage our young parishioners – 16-years upwards - to consider volunteering as Redcaps (those helping the sick, especially those in wheelchairs), nurses and doctors of our parish volunteering their skills, and other parishioners to consider volunteering to work in St Frai - the care facility we use for our diocesan sick pilgrims. I also hope we can engage with some fundraising to offset some of the costs of the pilgrimage. If you might be interested in coming as a sick pilgrim, a praying pilgrim or a volunteer, then please come and hear more about Lourdes and our parish plan for this year at a meeting in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 1st February, 1.30pm**. Lourdes transformed my life, let Jesus, Mary and St Bernadette do the same for you, respond to Lourdes' invitation!

ANNUAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES WITH

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will take place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 8th February 2025, at 2.00pm**. To book a ticket please speak to Florie in the Parish Office.

FRIENDS CLUB will meet on **Monday 20th January** at 12.30pm

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

11th - 12th January

Loose £2130.79 Envelopes £162.61 **Total £2,293.40**

HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRCDT Feltham

Account No: 71095528 Sort Code: 40-05-20

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper, and indicate if it is for a Donation, Baptism, etc.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

-Confirmation: Groups 1 & 2 – Retreat Day Sunday 19th January starting with Mass at 11am. It is mandatory for all to attend.

-Confirmation: Group 1 meet Thursday 23rd January at 6.30pm

First Holy Communion – Saturday 25th January - Year 6+ meet at 1.00pm and **Year 3+** at 3.00pm.

Walk with Jesus – Sunday 26th January after the 9.30am Mass

-Marriage: If you are planning on getting married in this country or abroad, we require a minimum of six clear months notice in order to complete all the paperwork in time for your wedding. Please do not book your reception venues, etc before first contacting the priest.

-Sick, housebound or in hospital: Please contact one of the clergy or the Sisters if you would like a visit or anointing of the sick.

ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT AND TRAINING DAY will take place in the Parish Centre and Church on **Saturday 15th February 2025, 1pm-4.30pm**. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, then we shall review the principles of serving and teach you how to develop your skill sets. We will also be considering a refreshed Altar Server attire, so come and offer your opinions.

LENT CATECHESIS ON 'THE MASS' - Fr Mike will run a six-session course on 'The Mass', by Bishop Robert Barron, to accompany us through Lent. The course will be weekly on a Friday evening at 6.30pm to 8.00pm, in the Parish Centre, beginning **Friday 7th March 2025**. As the course materials remind us, this course helps us to examine 'this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.' The maximum capacity we can hold is 80, so please sign up for the course as soon as possible via the Parish Office.

VOCATIONS: 'COME AND SEE' DAY if any man may be interested in exploring a vocation to the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, there will be a 'come and see' session on **Saturday 25th January, 10.00am – 2.00pm**, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN, which is behind Westminster Cathedral. If you are interested please also speak with Father Mike, who is one of the diocesan Vocation Promoters.

2025 CALENDARS on sale in the Repository.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May the same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen