

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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The Presentation of the Lord – Year C

1st – 2nd February 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 1	11am 5pm	Aziel Fernandes – 3 rd Birthday Thanksgiving Barreto Family – Good Health
Sun 2	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Anthony Nunes RIP (1 st Anniversary) Salvadore & Benedicta Fernandes in Thanksgiving Jill & Tony Smith RIP People of the Parish
Mon 3	9.30am	Eamon O'Brien RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 4	9.30am	Aaron Alphonso – 18 th Birthday Thanksgiving
Wed 5	9.30am	Ninfa Noronha RIP
Thur 6	9.30am	Veronica Gomes RIP (Month's Mind)
Fri 7	9.30am 11am	Amyra Fernandes – 1 st Birthday Thanksgiving FUNERAL – THOMAS FRANCIS FINNEGAN RIP
Sat 8	11am 5pm	Cliff D'Costa – Birthday Thanksgiving People of the Parish
Sun 9	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Sean & Margaret Keaveney RIP (Anniversaries) Francis Cardozo RIP Kazik Sewernaik (Intention) Teotonio Fernandes in Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the souls of Jill & Tony Smith RIP

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

THE NECESSITY FOR THE SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS IN OUR LIFE.

In the book of Genesis, the Scripture tells us that God created man and woman in his own image and likeness (Gen.1:27), which means that both are made in the nature of God's perfection and immortal. Unfortunately, they were unable to keep to the demand of their immortal nature due to their sin of disobedience (Gen.3:1-13), and due to their sin, the act of forgiveness from God came to its manifestation as the only remedy towards their reconciliation with God. Therefore, the spirit of forgiveness is an act, and a part of God's nature, every human person naturally possesses this spirit of forgiveness as a natural gift of God. However, the spirit of forgiveness can be said to be the driving force for peace, unity and love for individuals, and the entire human race. Now, a major question to ask ourselves here is, why is our world filled with tumult today due to wars, crises in different levels, hatred and revenge? We continued to live in the midst of all these crises because of the unforgiving spirit in the minds of humanity. It's wise to note that, imperfection is a part of every human person since the fall of our first parents (Adam and Eve), as a matter of fact, forgiving one another should be the armour of our lives. In our Lord's prayer, we ask the Lord to forgive us our sins as we forgive others that sins against us(Lk.11:14).

Thus, Our Lord Jesus, even though he never deserved to be baptised, he accepted to be baptised in order to show us the necessity of forgiveness and mercy of God through baptism. Through the Sacrament of Baptism our original sin is washed away, and if received by adults, both original and individual sins are washed away and forgiven by God. Furthermore, our Lord, having known the imperfection of us, constituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where the doors of forgiveness are ever open for us. The forgiveness of God is ever granted to us, in order that we can extend the same forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. At this juncture, Pope Francis in his homily explained that, "the ability to forgive is a human right, and we all have the right to be forgiven if we ask for forgiveness" (Pope's homily. 7 February, 2022). The spirit of forgiveness gives joy to the soul, sustained love and peace to humanity and the world in general. May God fill our heart with his Spirit of forgiveness all the times, through Christ our Lord.

Fr Peter

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Mike McGillicuddy, Thomas Francis Finnegan whose Funeral is on **Friday 7th February at 11am**, John Sealey whose Funeral is on **Monday 10th February at 11am**, Malgorzata Stutak whose Funeral is on **Tuesday 11th February at 1pm** and John Murphy whose Funeral is on **Monday 24th February at 11am**. We also pray for the souls of those who anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (1869-1947)

Memorial, February 8th

"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone...we must be compassionate."

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24;
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138;
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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 last date for signing is **Friday 7th February at 3.30pm**. This date and time is the only one 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.

NURSERY CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 – Application opened on 1st January 2025 and close on 7th March 2025. If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 your child can start nursery in September 2025. Nursery Tour is **Thursday 13th February 2025** 9.15-10.30am. Please call 020 8890 3878 to book your place.

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 d

iocesan sick pilgrims. I also hope we can engage with some fundraising to offset some of the costs of the pilgrimage. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office!

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 3rd February** at 12.30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION – On **Friday 7th February**, Devotions to the Sacred Heart will only start **at 1pm** as there is a funeral at 11am.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

25th – 26th January

Loose £1,477.14 Envelopes £213.29 **Total £1,690.43**

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: Group 1 meet **Thursday 6th February** at 6.30pm

-Confirmation Parents meet with Fr Mike for the 2nd Session on WHY? at 7pm on **Thursday 6th February**..

-Holy Communion – Saturday 8th February - Year 6+ meet at 1.00pm and **Year 3+** at 3.00pm.

-Walk with Jesus – Sunday February 2nd and 9th 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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL – Saturday 17th May 2025 at 1.30pm. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th+ anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please give Florie these details: husband and wife's full names, wedding date, church and place of marriage, number of year married, postal or email address or phone number if no email.

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.

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

(Pope Francis 2024)