

# ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fifth Sunday of the Year – Year C

8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 8</b>	11am 5pm	Cliff D'Costa – Birthday Thanksgiving People of the Parish
<b>Sun 9</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Sean & Margaret Keaveney RIP (Anniversaries) Francis Cardozo RIP Kazik Sewernaik (Intention) Teotonio Fernandes in Thanksgiving
<b>Mon 10</b>	9.30am 11am	Maurizia Gonsalves – 6 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving FUNERAL – JOHN SEALY RIP
<b>Tues 11</b>	9.30am 1pm	Januario Pereira RIP (Anniversary) FUNERAL – MALGORZATA STUTAK RIP
<b>Wed 12</b>	9.30am	Precious Gashu – Birthday Thanksgiving
<b>Thur 13</b>	9.30am	John Murphy RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Fri 14</b>	9.30am	Mary Punitha & Anto Pravin in Thanksgiving – Wedding Anniversary
<b>Sat 15</b>	11am 5pm	Eryln Fernandes – Birthday Thanksgiving Maria Nangombe (Anniversary), Sebastiao Joao Fernandes Anjo & Jose Fernandes Anjo RIP
<b>Sun 16</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	People of the Parish Mhondoro Family in Thanksgiving Anarita Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving Theresa Morgan RIP

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

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 8.30am – 4pm, Wed & Fri: 8.30am-1.00pm

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Scholastica, Virgin (480-543)

Memorial, February 10<sup>th</sup>

*"Faith is the key that unlocks the door to miracles"*

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

In Luke 5:1-11, we witness Jesus calling Simon Peter and his companions to follow Him, marking a turning point in their lives. This passage unfolds on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus first meets the fishermen after a fruitless night of labour. When Jesus instructs Simon to "put out into deep water" and lower the nets, Simon hesitates, citing their failure, yet chooses to obey. Their subsequent catch of fish is so miraculous that their nets begin to break, and their boats nearly sink under the weight.

This event highlights several key themes. First, it illustrates the transformative power of faith and obedience. Despite Simon's doubts, his trust in Jesus leads to an overwhelming blessing. This teaches us that when we surrender to Christ's word, even in uncertainty, He provides abundantly.

Second, the miraculous catch reveals Jesus' divinity and His authority over all creation. Simon, overwhelmed by this revelation, responds with humility, acknowledging his sinfulness. This echoes the truth that an encounter with Jesus often unveils both His holiness and our need for His grace.

Finally, the call to discipleship is central to this passage. Jesus shifts Simon's focus from catching fish to "catching people," symbolizing a new mission. By leaving everything behind to follow Jesus, Simon and his companions model the radical trust and commitment required of true discipleship.

For us today, this story challenges us to trust Jesus in the "deep waters" of life, even when circumstances seem fruitless or daunting. It invites us to see our daily efforts as part of a greater mission when we align ourselves with God's purpose. Just as Simon was transformed from a fisherman into a fisher of men, so too are we called to participate in God's work, trusting that He will equip and guide us in ways beyond our imagination.

Through this passage, we are reminded that Jesus meets us where we are, but He never leaves us unchanged.

Have a blessed week.

**Deacon Rolly**

## REST IN PEACE

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

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 135

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138;

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 139

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1;

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20;

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

**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.

**NURSERY CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025** – Application opened on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and close on 7<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 diocesan 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!

**FLAME** is an annual Catholic youth event held at the OVO Arena in Wembley, London. It's the biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. What happens at Flame?

●**Speakers:** Inspirational speakers from around the world share their stories and insights

●**Music:** Award-winning musicians perform live

●**Prayer:** Young people spend time in prayer and adoration

●**Reflection:** Young people reflect on their relationship with God and their role in the Church

●**Celebration:** Young people celebrate their faith and share their experiences

It's for young people aged 15–18 and this year's theme is *Unstoppable*. If you would like to sponsor a place, please put your donation into an envelope marked FLAME and drop it into the Parish Office. Thank you

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> February

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

**Catholic Children's Society (Crib): 646.64**

**HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRC DT 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.*

**FR PETER** will, sadly, be leaving St Lawrence's parish at the end of February to take up a new appointment from his Bishop, where he will return home to Nigeria to undertake further studies. Fr Peter has been in the parish just over a year and we thank him for all that he has done for the parish mission during this time and we wish him well as he begins his further studies. We shall celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for him at 11.00am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, followed by a 'bring-and-share' party in the parish centre immediately after Mass. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Fr Peter, please put your donation into an envelope marked 'Fr Peter Gift' and either put it into the offertory bags or into the parish office. I am also very grateful to our Diocesan Vicar General, Mgr Martin Hayes, as he offers us another Assistant Priest, Fr Andrew Batare, for ministry in our parish, from March. Fr Andrew is from the North Eastern part of Nigeria and has been in the UK for the past few years also undertaking further studies. We look forward to learning more about Fr Andrew, welcoming him to ministry at St Lawrence's.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

-**Confirmation:** **Group 2** meet **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at 6.30pm

-**Walk with Jesus** – **Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 1.30pm.** The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>+ 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD for:** 1) Caritas Jubilee Volunteering Fair 2) CAFÉ Together at SS Michael & Martin Parish Centre, Hounslow for a free meal for homeless or lonely 3) Big Lent Walk 4) Day of Fasting & Prayer Good Counsel, etc.