

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Sixth Sunday of the Year – Year C

15th – 16th February 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 15	11am 5pm	Erlyn Fernandes – Birthday Thanksgiving Maria Nangombe (Anniversary), Sebastiao Joao Fernandes Anjo & Jose Fernandes Anjo RIP
Sun 16	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	People of the Parish Mhondoro Family in Thanksgiving Anarita Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving Theresa Morgan RIP
Mon 17	9.30am	Leelasana Meranchi Galappathige RIP (1 st Ann)
Tues 18	9.30am	Declan Doherty (Get well)
Wed 19	9.30am	Pat & Vincent McHale (Intention)
Thur 20	9.30am	Deceased members of the Saverimuttu Family
Fri 21	9.30am	Estefanio Duarte– 60 th Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 22	11am 5pm	Cartona Coutinho – Birthday Thanksgiving Geraldine Carter RIP
Sun 23	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Edward & Lucille Gomes RIP Janet Danladi in Thanksgiving People of the Parish Sheila O'Connor (Pam) RIP (1 st Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Savio D'Souza in Thanksgiving

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

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing, the fragile peace in the Holy Land seems under threat from increasingly belligerent leadership in the west. And yet, as Catholics, we believe that every person is made in Gods image, with the consequence that if we see the image of God in every person, no matter their circumstance, then the women, men and children most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice should not be hindered from living a life equal to their dignity. Or to put it a bit more succinctly, the innate dignity of each person is the foundation and inspiration of our vision for a just and compassionate world.

I am certain that those who live in poverty or those who live in war zones long for a different reality. The reality of poverty and war was as true in the time of Christ as it is today. That reality was already evident when Jesus preached to the crowds. But it is also true to state that Jesus did not curse the rich out of spite or hatred, however, he is declaring, in a generous way that it is hard to want a new heaven and a new earth when the one that we already have seems so satisfactory.

So if we are reasonably well off, successful and happy in this world, we may need to be reminded that we are poor before God, so please take a moment in your prayer lives to remember all those affected by war and all those who have had to migrate against their wishes to escape war. But perhaps, most of all, pray for our leaders, that they might consign belligerence to history and use their influence for the good of humanity and not just those who voted them into office.

Have a blessed week.

Deacon Colin

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (1007-1072)

Memorial, February 21st

"Nobody can fight properly and boldly for the faith if he clings to a fear of being stripped of earthly possessions."

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Royston Harris (father of our Catechist Michelle Baptiste), Lorenzo Gambardella and John Murphy whose Funeral is on **Monday 24th February at 11am** and we also pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 139

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1;
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20;
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 141

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
Psalm 103; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49;
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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 on **15 March**. 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

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS - A Mass for bereaved parents will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on **Saturday 5th April at 2pm**. If anyone would like to attend this Mass, please go directly to the Cathedral.

CAFOD – BIG LENT WALK - The walks will take place on the following **Wednesdays** in Lent at **10.30 -12th, 19th and 26th March, 2nd, 9th and 16th April**. We will start with a short prayer by the grotto then walk to one of the cemeteries, say the rosary and walk back finishing with a prayer at the grotto. This will be followed by a soup lunch in the Parish Centre.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

9th -10th February

Loose £1713.44 Envelopes £408.00 **Total £2,121.44**

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.

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 23rd 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:

-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 17th May 2025 at 2.30pm. 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.

ST LAWRENCE PRAYER GROUP will meet for Praise & Worship in the Parish Centre after the 5pm Mass on **Saturday 15th February**.

PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD for:

1) Caritas Jubilee Volunteering Fair – 8th March
2) CAFÉ Together at SS Michael & Martin Parish Centre, Bath Road, Hounslow for a free hot meal for homeless or lonely on Mondays in February from 6.30-8.30pm.