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Seventh Sunday of the Year – Year C

22nd – 23rd February 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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 Fr Peter Egboo in Thanksgiving (<i>Pro Populo</i>) Sheila O'Connor (Pam) RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Mon 24	9.30am 11am	Snowin Eric – Birthday Thanksgiving FUNERAL – JOHN MURPHY RIP
Tues 25	9.30am	Patrick Doherty RIP
Wed 26	9.30am	Olivio & Malinda Rodrigues in Thanksgiving – 25 th Wedding Anniversary
Thu 27	9.30am	Hawkings & Dupuy Family Souls RIP
Fri 28	9.30am	Melissa Rumilla Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 1 March	11am 5pm	For the intentions of the Deacon Family Marlon Dias in Thanksgiving – 18 th Birthday
Sun 2	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Gabriel Leslie Ruban Stanisluson RIP People of the Parish Moore-Saxton Family in Thanksgiving Michael McGillicuddy RIP

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for Janet Danladi 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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Gregory of Narek, Father & Abbot of the Church
(950-1003)

Memorial, February 27th

“In the face of my darkness, You are light”.

Dear Friends,

As we begin to tread the pilgrim way of this Jubilee Year, the theme of which is ‘Pilgrims of Hope’, we do so grafted onto Christ, the last Adam, [who] became for us a life-giving gift from heaven (1 Cor 15:45, 47). He is the very one who teaches us how to love, as presented in our Gospel this weekend, encouraging us to be ‘loving Pilgrims of Hope.’

Many resources are available for this Jubilee Year, two of which I would commend to you at the early onset of this Jubilee; namely, ‘Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice’, published for Racial Justice Sunday last weekend, and Cardinal Vincent’s homily for Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes 2025. I shall make both these resources available to you on the parish website. The sentence that stood out to me in the materials for Racial Justice Sunday was Bishop Paul McAleenan reminding us that ‘Just as pilgrims must prepare for their journey and be properly equipped, we, too, need all that is necessary to propel us towards racial justice – the mind of Christ; examination of our progress and of the challenges that remain; a willingness to learn from one another together; and prayers for and on the journey.’ This chimes beautifully with the Gospel Acclamation verse this weekend, ‘A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you’ (Jn 13:34).

This leads me to the second resource and a particular comment from Cardinal Vincent, who said in his homily, ‘It was pointed out to me recently that a more accurate translation of this Jubilee motto is that we are ‘Pilgrims into Hope’. In the framework of our faith, the deeper meaning of hope is that its fulfilment actually lies ahead. True hope lies in a firm and unshakeable hope for heaven. In this regard, hope is the daughter of faith and, ultimately, we set our course through life by this faith and hope. Today we come in prayer to strengthen this hope, to be together, to learn again, through the wonder of the Mass, how deeply we belong to one another.’

Dear friends, Christ is our hope. May we learn from Him so as to live and love, together, on our pilgrim way back to our Father.

Have a blessed week.

Fr Mike

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Royston Harris (father of our Catechist Michelle Baptiste), John Murphy whose Funeral is on **Monday 24th February at 11am**, Lorenzo Gambardella whose Funeral is on **Tuesday 4th February at 12.30pm**, Diane Sandeman whose Funeral is on **Monday 10th March at 10.30am** and Maria Vail whose Funeral is on **Friday 21st March at 12.30pm**, 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

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 144

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92;
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58;
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

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 31st July 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!

If there are any nurses or doctors who would like to volunteer please contact Fr Mike.

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.

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUP - Every Monday during Lent, starting from **10th March** there will be a small faith-sharing group in the Presbytery after the 9.30am Mass. If you would like to be a part of this group please let Florie know. It will last 45minutes to an hour. We will be following a Diocesan Lenten resource "We Dare to Hope". This will be led by a member of the Pastoral Team.
CAFOD - BIG LENT WALK - The walks will take place on the following **Wednesdays** in Lent at **10.30am**:

12th March Hatton Cemetery
19th March Powder Mill Lane Cemetery
26th March Feltham Cemetery
2nd April Hounslow Cemetery
9th April Bedfont Cemetery
16th April Hanworth Crematorium.

We will start with a short prayer by the grotto then walk to the cemetery, 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. If you are planning on walking please let Florie know.

CARITAS JUBILEE VOLUNTEERING FAIR - Saturday 8th March, 3pm - 5pm in Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QW. To celebrate the Jubilee of Volunteering Caritas Westminster are inviting you to a Volunteering Fair. To find out more please visit <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/jubilee-volunteering-fair/> or email cvs@rcdow.org.uk. **Make Jubilee 2025 a rewarding year through volunteering!**

FR PETER - We thank Fr Peter for the parish mission during his time here at St Lawrence's and wish him well as he begins his further studies. Following the Mass of Thanksgiving at 11am this Sunday, there will be a 'bring and share' party in the Parish Centre.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

-Confirmation Group 1 - Thursday 27th February at 6.30pm
-First Holy Communion - Saturday 8th March - Yr 6+ meet at 1.00pm and Year 3 at 3.00pm

-Walk with Jesus - after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 2nd March
-Baptism: The next Baptism Preparation Class in on Thursday 13 March. Please note that the sacrament of Baptism will not take place during Lent.

-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.

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S, will conduct a course to train catechists on working with children with special educational needs using 'Symbols of Faith'. The course will be held on Monday, March 10th at 6pm in the Parish Centre at Ss Michael & Martin, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH from 6pm to 8.30pm. It is open to priests, catechists, parents, volunteers or anyone involved with children with special needs in our deanery parishes and is free to attend. To book your place please contact Paul Christian on paulchristian@rcdow.org.uk Please see poster on notice board.

WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED Beginning Experience **Weekend 4th-6th April** at Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. Beginning Experience is a ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by a team of trained volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings which encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness.. For further details please contact Mary on 07730 884315 or Email: beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com. Please see poster on notice board.

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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

15th -16th February

Loose £1,194.90 Envelopes £134.00 **Total**
£1,328.90

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