



Second Sunday of the Year – Year C

25th - 26th January 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Mon 27	9.30am	Lawrence D'Souza RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 28	9.30am	Gerald D'Souza in Thanksgiving
Wed 29	9.30am	Repose of the souls of Nora & Michael Gorman and deceased members of the Gorman & Courtney Families RIP
Thur 30	9.30am	Funeral Mass for John Christopher Stoker RIP
Fri 31	9.30am	Martin Gerald Ward RIP (Anniversary)
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

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the soul of Daniel Ofiajiaki 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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (1225-1274)

Memorial, January 28th

“There is within every soul a thirst for happiness and meaning.”

Dear Friends,

We live in troubled times. So said just about everyone since the beginning of time! The fragile peace in the Middle East, the ongoing war in Ukraine, together with an increasingly complex domestic issues closer to home certainly has the possibility to bring about some kind of toxic mixture from which it is going to be difficult to recover. It is indeed fortunate for us that we have our faith, which is as important to us now as it was at any previous time to our ancestors.

A prominent theme of Luke's Gospel is the doctrine of repentance and forgiveness as demonstrated in the incidents of a sinful woman and a man afflicted with palsy. Jesus instructed his disciples to forgive one another, and he set a beautiful example when, from the cross, he prayed, “Father forgive them. …” (Luke 23:34.) Peter was forgiven after he denied Christ three times. The final verses state that repentance and remission of sins should be preached throughout the whole world. (See Luke 24:47.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ presents to us in simple terms with the most important thing of all. He says “the time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand.” “Repent and believe the good news.” To me that sums up the gospel in just a few words. The gospel in its totality should have our full approval. The good news is Jesus, His teaching and His grace. God is with us, addressing us as friends and inviting us to live in His friendship. Our response should be that of faith in His person and in His teaching. It is when we accept this then we can travel through these troubled times.

Have a blessed week,
Deacon Colin

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Madeleine Pearce, Geraldine Carter, 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), Thomas Francis Finnegan whose Funeral Mass takes place here on **Friday 7th February at 11am** and John Sealy whose funeral takes place here on **Monday 10th 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 129

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 186;

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

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

The Presentation of the Lord. p.296

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24;

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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.

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 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

18th - 19th January

Loose £1,358.06 Envelopes £145.00 **Total £1,503.06**

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 2 – meet Thursday 23rd January at 6.30pm

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

Walk with Jesus – Sunday 26th January and 2nd February 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.

2025 CALENDARS on sale in the Repository.

Cafod'S Big Lenten Walk – We will do our Lenten Walk again this year, details to follow. If you wish to you're your own walk please see details on how to register on the notice board.

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.

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