

# ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Third Sunday in Lent – Year C

22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 22</b>	11am 5pm	Caetano (Pele) De Souza RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) Anto Pravin Kumar – 42 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving
<b>Sun 23</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	People of the Parish Costas Constantino RIP Kayce De Souza – Birthday Thanksgiving Leelesana Meranchi Galappathige RIP
<b>Mon 24</b>	9.30am	Helen O’Brannan RIP
<b>Tues 25</b>	9.30am.	Patrick Doherty RIP
<b>Wed 26</b>	9.30am	Mary Burke (Get well)
<b>Thur 27</b>	9.30am	Edward Walsh RIP
<b>Fri 28</b>	9.30am	For the intentions of Audrey Fernandes
<b>Sat 29</b>	11am 5pm	Victoria Isa – Birthday Thanksgiving Armstrong Dias in Thanksgiving
<b>Sun 30</b>	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Renosca D’Souza in Thanksgiving People of the Parish Clyde Manuel Pires – Birthday Thanksgiving Benjamin D’Souza RIP

Two weeks ago I had the privilege of accompanying four of our Catechumens and Candidates to the Rite of Election at Westminster Cathedral, as they, with hundreds of others, took a considerable stride towards Full Communion with the Catholic Church. The Candidates, who are seeking to complete their initiation into the Church, not only expressed their desire to *‘live out their discipleship within the visible communion of the Church’*, but they were each invited by Cardinal Vincent to always *‘hear the Lord’s call to conversion and be faithful to their baptismal covenant’*; an invitation extended to all the baptised at the beginning of this Lenten season. Then the Catechumens declared their desire to be baptised and received into Full Communion with the Church by publicly responding to the call of Christ, from which the Church, in the name of Christ, calls them to the Easter sacraments. Their names were then entered into a book which was placed at the side of the baptismal font, so that everyone who passes by it may read the names and pray for them as they make the final journey towards the Easter sacraments. What struck me were the phrases ‘to hear’ and ‘to respond’ to the ‘call’ of Christ, emphasising that each of us is called, personally, by the Lord to make up the *Body of Christ*, the Church, to go and bear fruit. Thus, Lent is truly connected to baptism, and the liturgies throughout Lent take us on a baptismal journey. For those of us who have already been baptised, Lent is a time when we are called to walk with the Catechumens, from which we rediscover our own call to baptism. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, we read of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness, and the specific ‘call’ for each of us was to renew our attachment to God as we face the struggles and temptations in our own lives; for at baptism we were grafted onto Jesus. Last weekend our readings spoke of Abraham, our Father in Faith, and the Transfiguration, teaching us to place our trust in God as we travel through Lent. The Transfiguration of Christ gives us a foretaste, a glimpse, of the destination where our baptismal journey takes us. St John Henry Newman sums up well the relationship between Lent and baptism, for he says, *‘during Lent, we should confess our sins, so that we can live out our baptism more fully and receive the Eucharist more worthily.’*

Have a Blessed Week  
Fr Mike

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of Dominic Dieseru

## OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

**Confessions and Adoration:** Saturdays 9.30am to 10.45am

**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 9.10am (New time)

**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

St Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586)

Martyr, 26<sup>th</sup> March

*“I believe that whatever comes at a particular time is a blessing from God.”*

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Marks, Daniel Cortezo and Canon Bernard Scholes, 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

### Second Sunday of Lent p. 156

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103;

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

### Fourth Sunday of Lent p.168

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 5:9a-12; Psalm 34;

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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**CAFOD – BIG LENT WALK** - The walks will take place on the following **Wednesdays** in Lent at **10.30am**:

**26<sup>th</sup> March Feltham Cemetery**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April Hounslow Cemetery**

**9<sup>th</sup> April Bedfont Cemetery**

**16<sup>th</sup> 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. Donation envelopes available at the back of Church and by the Big Lent Walk poster by the tapestry.

### CAFOD LENT APPEAL – FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION –

Please donate to the Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year.. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope). You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **A retiring collection will take place on the weekend of 29/30 March.**

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL** - This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese. Donation envelopes are available, and you can also contribute online [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](https://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) using the QR code on poster in porch and by sacristy. You can also place your donations in the Wall Box by the door to the sacristy. Thank you for your kindness and support.

### FEEDBACK FROM SOME WHO ATTENDED FLAME 2025:

*-"Hopeful"*

*-"Flame 2025 at Wembley was an unforgettable energy. There were breathtaking performances and a crowd that set the stadium on fire with excitement."*

*-"Thank you for the wonderful experience. It was a very good and enjoyable day. It was an electrifying experience, packed with high energy performances, an incredible atmosphere, and unforgettable moments that left the crowd buzzing."*

*-"Today was an amazing experience. Going to Flame I didn't expect the event to be interesting, I rather expected it to be boring. But I was surprised when it turned out to be the exact opposite. There were many energetic performances and kept my eyes open the whole time and it was so fun to be part of. Cannot wait to be part of Flame 2027."*

**PARKING** – Please **DO NOT** park along The Green when coming to Mass and **certainly not for school runs**. This is a private road and recently there have been instances when residents have been blocked and unable to get in or out of the property. More importantly the road has to be kept clear for Emergency Services. Kindly use local side roads or Feltham Leisure West or Tesco. The church car park is for people with a valid Blue Badge and the Pastoral Team.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

**-Confirmation Group 1** – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm

**-First Holy Communion** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 6+ meet at 1.00pm and Year 3 at 3.00pm

**-Walk with Jesus** – after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**-Baptism:** The next Baptism Preparation Class in on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. 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.

### LOURDES 2025 – BOOKINGS OPEN! 25-31 JULY

The booking system for our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is now open. To book yourselves, please use the following steps:

Access the website via <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>

Read the information, then click 'I'm ready to complete the form now', and follow the instructions. Please choose the 'Feltham – 6 day' as the name of the parish, travelling by air, and staying at the Hotel Padoue. Initially, you will pay your £50 diocesan levy online, then Tangney Tours will invoice you for the remainder of the costs. For our parish, Flights and accommodation at the Padoue will cost £1,081, with a single room supplement of £210, or you can share with another pilgrim without paying this supplement. Please speak to Fr Mike or Florie if you need help completing your booking.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARISTIC TAKING COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** – Fr Mike would like to meet with you all on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at 11.00am in the Presbytery.

**COFFEE MORNING** – Confirmation Group 2 will be hosting a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March** (Mother's Day) after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMME** – Please take a leaflet from the porch which lists times for all services during Holy Week and Easter.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** – For those of you who use Planned Giving Envelopes, the 2025-26 envelopes are now ready for collection from the Parish Office. If anyone would like to have an envelope please see Florie.

**PRAYER MEETING**- St. Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group invites all our Parishioners for a Prayer Meeting on 22 March 2025 at 6:15 pm in the Parish Center. Come and experience God's Love & Mercy!

**CANON-ELECT CHRIS VIPERS** – His installation as Canon will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 4.45pm during Vespers, followed by Mass at 5.30pm. If planning on attending, please arrive early to get a seat

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March**

Loose £1,873.08 Envelopes £234.50 **Total £2,107.58**

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**Account No: 71095528 Sort Code: 40-05-20**

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