

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday in Lent – Year C

29th – 30th March 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 29	11am 5pm	Victor Isa – Birthday Thanksgiving Armstrong Dias in Thanksgiving
Sun 30	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Renosca D'Souza in Thanksgiving People of the Parish Clyde Manuel Pires – Birthday Thanksgiving Benjamin D'Souza RIP
Mon 31	9.30am	Maria Succora Godinho RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Tues 1	9.30am	Adeyeye Family in Thanksgiving
Wed 2	9.30am	Perpetua Fernandes RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Thur 3	9.30am	Veronica Quainoo – Birthday Thanksgiving
Fri 4	9.30am	Alex Soares RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 5	11am 5pm	Lourdes Fernandes – 60 th Birthday Thanksgiving Intentions of the Power Family
Sun 6	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	John Igboanugo Jnr RIP (Anniversary) Gabriel D'Souza RIP – Birthday Remembrance People of the Parish The departed souls of the Fonseca Family

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of Christopher Fernandes

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

Forgiveness Is Mercy Beyond Justice

It is natural and normal to be angry when hurt by others through either their words, actions or inactions. Usually, we harbour animosity towards those who have wronged us and believe that the only path to justice is to exact vengeance. In the Book of Sirach 27:33, we are cautioned to go beyond justice into the realm of mercy and compassion. For it is only when we can come away with a merciful heart and a clement attitude of love and forgiveness towards others, that our prayers would be answered and our own sins forgiven.

Forgiveness is superior to simple justice. In Romans 14:7–9, Saint Paul reminds us that we belong to Christ, alive or dead, and that since God first showed us mercy, we are obligated to show the same mercy and forgiveness to others. When we understand that we live not for ourselves, it becomes clear that we must avoid living by the simple dictates of the human considerations of rights and justice.

Unforgiveness is unhealthy and suicidal. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 18:21-35 that forgiveness is an essential and vital energy of life that must always flow uninterruptedly. It is a vital force that originates from God and flows down to us. When we receive forgiveness from God and decide to close-up and hijack the flow, we become clogged up, we get corroded. In resentment and anger, we explode and die off.

Luke 6:37-38 tells us: “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”.

Please, try a practical act of forgiveness this week.

Fr. Andrew

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Isidore of Seville, (c.560-636)

Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 4th April

“When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us.”

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Marks, Daniel Cortezo, Jack Lawrence 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent p. 168

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a-12; Psalm 34;

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent p.176

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14; Gospel: John 8:1-11

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

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. 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. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. A retiring collection will take place on the this 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 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.

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, when it returns to being open.

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 a set of envelopes please see Florie in the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION to the Sacred Heart and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday Friday 4th April after Stations of the Cross.

FRIEND'S CIRCLE- will meet in the Presbytery on Monday 31st March at 12.30pm.

EASTER FLOWERS – There will be a collection for Easter Flowers the weekend of 5th/6th April after all Masses.

EASTER ENVELOPES – Envelopes will be available from the porch next weekend, should you wish to make an Easter offering. Please return the envelopes either into the collection or into the parish office. The Easter offering, along with Christmas and other offerings, largely make up the annual stipend that the priests of the parish receive to support them in the year ahead. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

-Confirmation Group 2 – Thursday 3rd April at 6.30pm.

-Confirmation - Parents and Candidates both groups – Meeting with Fr Mike Saturday 5th April at 2.00pm in Church

-Confirmation both groups – Saturday 12th April – Stations of the Cross at 11.30am, please attend the 11am Mass before.

-First Holy Communion – Saturday April 26th – Yr 6+ meet at 1.00pm and Year 3 at 3.00pm.

-Walk with Jesus – after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 27th April.

-Baptism: The next Baptism Preparation Class in on Thursday 10th April at 6.30pm in Church. 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. If you are having trouble booking online, we have now paper copies of the application. 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, 3rd April** at 11.00am in the Presbytery.

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

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

COFFEE MORNING – Please support our Confirmation Group 2 at their Coffee Morning this **Sunday (Mother's Day)** after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Treat your mum to a cuppa and cake!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

22nd-23rd March

Loose £1,601.92 Envelopes £220.85 **Total £1,822.77**

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.