

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fifth Sunday in Lent – Year C

5th-6th April 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Mon 7	9.30am	Mary Burke (Get well)
Tues 8	9.30am.	Judas Martins RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 9	9.30am	Vivian Marshall RIP (Anniversary)
Thur 10	9.30am	Joaquim Joao Fernandes RIP (2 nd Anniversary)
Fri 11	9.30am	Denver Camelo – 18 th Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat 12	11am 5pm	Sr Katherine O’Reilly RIP (1 st Anniversary) People of the Parish
Sun 13	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Elima Noronha – 21 st Birthday Thanksgiving Maria Menezes & deceased Menezes Family RIP Regina Nduba – 60 th Birthday Thanksgiving Deceased members of the Kenny/Hyper Families RIP

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The passage of John 8:1-11 is one of the most powerful and emotionally stirring moments in the Gospels. It presents the story of the woman caught in adultery, brought before Jesus by the scribes and Pharisees in an attempt to trap Him. This passage reveals the deep compassion of Jesus, His wisdom, and His challenge to the self-righteousness of those around Him.

The scene begins with Jesus’ teaching in the temple, when the scribes and Pharisees interrupt Him, dragging a woman caught in adultery before Him. They remind Jesus of the Law of Moses, which commands such a woman to be stoned. Their question to Jesus is not just about the woman’s sin but is meant to test Jesus. If He condemns her, He will contradict His message of forgiveness and mercy. If He lets her go, He would be disregarding the law, undermining His authority as a teacher of the Jewish law.

Jesus’ response is profound and enigmatic. Instead of answering them immediately, He bends down and writes on the ground. This moment of silence and reflection is striking because it gives the accusers time to confront their own hearts. His eventual response—“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her”—turns the trap back on them. It forces the accusers to face their own sinfulness and hypocrisy. One by one, they walk away, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus and the woman remain. In this powerful encounter, we see Jesus’ embodying grace and truth. He does not condone the woman’s sin but shows mercy, offering her the opportunity to change her life. “Go, and from now on sin no more,” he tells her, highlighting the call to repentance and transformation. His response to the woman contrasts with the judgmental attitude of the Pharisees, who are more concerned with the letter of the law than with the spirit of mercy that the law was meant to uphold.

This passage speaks of the importance of compassion, humility, and the understanding that no one is without sin. It calls us to examine our own hearts before we judge others. Jesus shows that forgiveness and redemption are available to all, regardless of past mistakes, and that true justice is not harsh condemnation but the opportunity for a new beginning. This story is not just a lesson for the Pharisees or for the woman; it is a call for all of us to embrace grace over judgment, understanding over condemnation. Have a Blessed week.

Deacon Rolly

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

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 Stanislaus of Krakow (1030-1079)

Bishop and Martyr, April 11

“Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart”

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Anna Taylor, Peter Marks, Daniel Cortezo, Jack Lawrence, Brian Lawrence, Shelton Gamagay and Gary Francis. 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

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord p.184

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22;

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11;

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23, 23:56

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

9th April Bedfont Cemetery

16th April Hanworth Crematorium.

We 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, 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 or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **The collection will be open until 13 April. Collection raised to date £348.15, Thank you.**

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL - 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES – There are a few envelopes awaiting collection for the 2025-26 year from the Parish Office, namely Robert Acoba, Agnes Olatune Ajayi, Helen Coleman, Roland De Souza, Santo Fernando, E Mhondoro and Glen Walsh. If anyone would like to have a set of envelopes please see Florie in the Parish Office.

COFFEE MORNING – Thank you to Confirmation Group 2 for the delicious cakes and hard work and to all parishioners for your support. £317.40 was raised in total (cash and Contactless). Thank you too to also those who helped serve and clear up. Well done!

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/>. 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. **Bookings close 30 April.**

PASTORAL LETTER on Terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Copies are available at the back of Church. Also cards for you to fill and post to your MP before the 3rd hearing.

Feltham's First Authentic Goan Café! ACE BITES is now OPEN - Experience a delightful selection of Goan-inspired treats, aromatic coffee, and refreshing teas. Conveniently located opposite St. Lawrence Church, inside 99p + Or Less hardware store, Wilton Parade, 16 High St, Feltham, TW13 4BU. Follow us: @Acebites 07718 930112 Come hungry, leave happy!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

-Confirmation Group 1 – Thursday 24th April at 6.30pm.

-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.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

Helen Hurley will be having a Coffee Morning on in the Parish Centre. She will also be having a mini sale and would appreciate donations of gifts still in boxes and unused. No bric-a-brac. Helen would also like donations of cakes for the coffee morning. Please contact Helen on 07950 681325 if you can help or for more information.

CANON CHRIS VIPERS – Feltham did Canon Chris proud in attending his installation ceremony followed by a lovely party. On behalf of the parish we presented him a gift of £200. If anyone wishes to contribute towards that, we will offset it against the amount and anything over will be sent to him. Please see Florie or Fr Mike.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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

EASTER SERVICES – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS - Please put your name on the lists in the sacristy if you are able to serve at any of the Services during Holy Week and Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – If you would like to have your foot washed please put your name on the list in the porch.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS – Starting on the Green by the Church at 11am on Good Friday, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish centre. If you are able to help please contact Florie.

EASTER FLOWERS – There will be a collection for Easter Flowers this weekend after all Masses.

EASTER ENVELOPES – Envelopes are available from the porch, 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

29th-30th March

Loose £1,749.80 Envelopes £222.01

Total £1,971.81

HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRCDDT 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.