



Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year C

31st May – 1st June 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 31st 11am 5pm	Sherwin Pires Pro Populo	T’GIVING INT
Sun 1st 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Theresa Keaveney Frank Finnegan Rosario & Belinda Pereira Bernardo & Antonita D’Sa	5 TH ANN ANN T’GIVING REMBR.
Mon 2nd 9.30am 11am	Bernardine Doran Funeral: Hyacinth Gillette	1 ST ANN
Tue 3rd 9.30am 7pm	David Hurley Anthony Fernandes	ANN T’GIVING
Wed 4th 9.30am	Delfina Joanna Dias	3 RD ANN
Thur 5th 9.30am	Sylvaine Martin	1 ST ANN
Fri 6th 9.30am 7pm	Dominic Dieseru Sr Geraldine Lawlor	T’GIVING INT
Sat 7th 11am 5pm 6.30pm	Conceicao M Fernandes Daisy Isa <i>Replaces 7pm Sunday</i>	T’GIVING T’GIVING INT
Sun 8th 8am 9.30am 11am 2.30 & 5.30pm	Lucienne Cangy Pro Populo Quainoo, Dupuy & Preko Families CONFIRMATION NO 7PM MASS TODAY	ANN INT T’GIVING INT
Sanctuary Lamp Lit for the soul of Hazel Da Gama RIP		
OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY Confessions and Adoration: Saturdays 9.30am to 10.45am Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am 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		

Today's Gospel is both a call and a comfort. It calls us to deeper unity, love, and participation in God's mission. But it also comforts us with the knowledge that we are deeply known, deeply loved, and eternally desired by Jesus. In a world that often feels fragmented and impersonal, this prayer reminds us of the relational heart of God — a God who wants us, loves us, and is drawing us into perfect unity with Him. This passage reminds us that we were on Jesus' heart even before the cross. It reminds us of the divine presence and character being imparted to us and how Jesus draws His followers into this divine relationship, not just as observers, but as participants. We are invited into the intimacy of the Trinity, to be loved by the Father just as the Son is loved.

Have a Blessed week
Deacon Rolly

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today: 7th Sunday of Easter, p.275
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REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Hyacinth Gillette, Timothy Conroy, Hazel da Gama, Elizabeth Harris and Fr Francis Press who died recently. We also pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they all rest in peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Charles Lwanga
Martyr (1860-1886), Patron of converts, torture victims & youth
Memorial, 3rd June
“Do not be afraid to stand up for what is right, even if you are standing alone”

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8.30am – 4pm
Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am – 1pm

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CATECHESIS CORNER

Father, during the parents' confirmation sessions you spoke often of sacraments. What is a sacrament? We will unpack this over a number of weeks, but, to begin, St Augustine of Hippo (4th - 5th Century) defined a 'sacrament' as '*an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace.*' The current Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) has developed this definition to '*the efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament.*' (CCC 1131). In baptism, the first of the seven sacraments, the outward, visible sign is the pouring of water over the head of a person or immersing them in water, speaking the words '*I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*' In this the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit make this sacrament effective, through invisible grace, at the level of the soul, such as the washing away of original sin or personal sin, if one has already reached the age of reason. Can you think of the outward signs for the other six sacraments? Baptism is received only once in one's life, like some of the other sacraments, whereas Confession, Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick can be received more than once. A effective sign of a 'sacrament' is oriented towards sanctity, making us holy or, as I read once, gives us openings in life, encouraging us to strive for holiness. The sacraments invigorate the body and soul, by the powerful gift of God's grace, so that we can be brought more experientially into the depths of God's transforming love and Divine life. The power of the sacraments is summed up beautifully in the words of a young girl who recently said, '*if you sit in front of the sun you get a suntan. If you sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament you become a saint.*'

PENTECOST SUNDAY 8TH JUNE is also the day of our parish Confirmations when we welcome Bishop James Curry. The Confirmation Masses will be at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. *As it will be very tight to have the 7pm Mass, and rather than cancel the Mass, we plan to have an additional Vigil Mass on Saturday 7th June at 6.30pm.* Apologies for any inconvenience. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES From the 1st June there will be *two evening Masses per week, at 7.00pm on a Tuesday and Friday.* Please do spread this news of these newly established weekday Masses. If any of our current readers would like to read at these evening Masses please contact Cathy Early.

LOURDES 2025 FUNDRAISING Two Coffee Mornings planned for **15th and 29th June** after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – AIRPORT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS For those of you travelling on the Lourdes Pilgrimage in July, we intend to hire a coach to take us from St Lawrence's to Stansted Airport, the same for our return, especially as the flight time will be very early in the morning on the way out. If you wish to book a place on the coach, please register this urgently with Florie in the Parish Office.

CANCEL DEBT CHOOSE HOPE (CAFOD) - 54 Countries are facing debt distress. To learn more see cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt. Please see posters on notice boards, there will be a petition for you to sign the weekend of 5th/6th July.

FRIENDS CIRCLE will meet on **Monday 2nd June** in the Presbytery at 12.30pm.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Confirmation Grp 1 – Youth Mass Weekend 31st May/1st June.

First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Party, Saturday 7th June 2pm-4pm.

Walk with Jesus after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th June.

Baptism The next Baptism Preparation Class on Thursday **12th June** at 6.30pm in Church.

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. If you or a loved one is in hospital please contact the Hospital Roman Catholic Chaplain. West Middlesex Hospital Tel. 020 8321 5447, St Peter's Chertsey Tel: 01932 872000.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE We are delighted to announce a new course for those couples who are preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. Couples are required to complete marriage preparation as part of the 'Application for Marriage' process. This one-day course will be held in the Parish Centre from 10am to 6pm, including the 5pm Mass, during which there will be a blessing of engagement rings. The available dates for this course are Saturdays 28th June, 19th July and 4th October – *remember you only need to attend one of these days!* The cost will be £75 per couple, including teas and coffees. Lunch is not provided, but there will be a lunch break. To book a place, please contact Florie in the Parish Office. We keep all those preparing for marriage in our prayers.

APPRECIATE AND LEARN MUSIC THROUGH SINGING (ALMS) - Do you love singing? Would you like to develop your singing skills? Are you interested in expanding your repertoire? If so, this is the perfect opportunity for you! This new 'outreach' venture will be managed and led by the wonderful singing teacher, Julia Early. The idea is to create a choral group – no addition, just enthusiasm – for adults, 18-years-old and over. It will take place each Thursday, 7pm, in Church, beginning on 19th June. There will be a trial period for 4-6 weeks to see if there is sufficient interest in the project, so I encourage you to sign up. It will last around an hour and will cost £5 per person, paid directly to Julia.

PARKING IN CHURCH

-The Church car park is for Disabled Parishioners who have a valid Blue Badge clearly displayed.

-The school car park will be open at the weekend but once it is full, the barrier will come down.

-Please park sensibly and responsibly. THE GREEN is a private road and parking is not permitted on any stretch of this road. Access is being denied to our neighbours and to emergency vehicles.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART on **Friday June 6th** after the morning Mass. There is **no** Exposition and Adoration this month.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

24th – 25th May

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Priest Training Fund: £20.00

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