

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

10th - 11th May 2025

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 10	11am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
	2pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
	5pm	Felicidade & Cesar Soares RIP
Sun 11	8am	George & Brigida Fernandes – 25 th Anniversary Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Gashu Family in Thanksgiving
	11am	People of the Parish
	7pm	Annie Rodrigues & Benedict Vaz in Thanksgiving
Mon 12	9.30am	Tootsie Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Tues 13	9.30am	Intentions of Madeline McGillicuddy & Family
Wed 14	9.30am	Cruz & Perpetua Gonsalves RIP (4 th Ann)
Thur 15	9.30am	Agnelo Michael Fernandes RIP (1 st Ann)
Fri 16	9.30am	Anna Maria Fernandes RIP
Sat 17	11am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
	2pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
	5pm	Jose Delfino Pereira RIP (4 th Ann)
Sun 18	8am	Acima Da Gama – Birthday Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Breda McCarthy (Intention)
	11am	Christine Cahalane RIP (12 th Ann)
	7pm	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp is lit in Thanksgiving of Marriage for Noreen & Len Easterbrook 69th years and Mark & Michelle Easterbrook 19 years

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 MATTHIAS (died c.80AD)

Feast Day: May 14; Patron of Alcoholics & Carpenters

"Who except God can give you peace?"

Dear Friends,

I write this on Tuesday 6th May as the cardinal electors from around the world prepare to retreat to the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican on Wednesday 7th May to begin the process of selecting the next pope. Personally, I find it comforting that more than ever before their ranks will mirror the changing global demographics of our Roman Catholic Church.

Sadly, in recent years, there has been a decline in the number of European Catholics, but equally true is that Catholic populations have grown Latin America, Asia and particularly in Africa. Vatican statistics are stating that at the beginning of the 20th century less than 1% of Catholics lived in Africa, now that figure is around 16%, which is a similar proportion as Europe.

I guess that like most of us, I am wondering who the next pope will be. I suspect by the time of reading this question will have been answered. Fortunately for us, we don't need to be sure about the answer because the promises about what will be, are already being fulfilled. Our Lord Jesus Christ has already been glorified.

Each time we attend Mass, we will all share in the Eucharist and in doing so we share in his triumph. He is already calling each of us to accept the controlling power of his love in our lives. Often, we can find big, sudden changes distressing. But through scripture, God reminds us that he is with us through it all, and no matter how far or near we might be, he will always come to find us to bring us back to himself.

Before he was named Pope Francis, the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio gave a short speech to other cardinals before the start of the 2013 conclave, in which he called for the church "to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries." Please join me in prayer that the next successor to St Peter, whoever he is, will continue to be a product of that vision.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth Harris, Hazel de Gama, Bernice Iona Mary Johnson, Hyacinth Gillette, Fr Francis Press and Gary Francis whose Funeral takes place on Friday 16th May at 2.40pm at Hanworth Crematorium. 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 Easter p.262

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43b-52; Psalm 100;

2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17;

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter p.265

1st Reading: Acts 14:21b-27; Psalm 145;

2nd Reading: Apocalypse; Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

CONGRATULATIONS to our children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

MAY – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be led by parishioners at 7pm Monday to Friday and at 6.30pm on Saturday and Sunday during the month of May. Please gather by Our Lady's grotto.

SATURDAY MORNING CHANGES

Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 9am-10am on **Saturday 10th, 17th and 24th May**. Confession will be from 9.30-10.30am. The Parish First Holy Communion Masses take place at 11am and 2pm on these dates. Please note it will be a busy time. Do keep our children in prayer.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **50** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. **2** of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have **2** seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year **3** deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code (on the poster in the porch) to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Please have a look at the Vocations display board in the porch and help yourselves to some of the prayer cards.

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 in a few weeks.

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 emergency vehicles.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

-Confirmation Group 2 – Thursday 15th May at 6.30pm.

-First Holy Communion – Thursday 15th May – Rehearsal for 17th May at 4pm. First Holy Communion 17th May at 11am & 2pm.

-Walk with Jesus – after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 11th May.

-Baptism: The Baptism Preparation Class on Thursday 15th May has been cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday, 12th June at 6.30pm in Church. Apologies for the inconvenience.

-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. For West Middx Hospital - Tel. 020 8321 5447, St Peter's Chertsey - Tel: 01932 872000.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

Helen Hurley will be having a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 18th May** in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Helen 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.

LOURDES 2025 – BOOKINGS OPEN! 25-31 JULY

The deadline is on Monday 12th May for your bookings for Lourdes.

There will be another Parish Meeting for those who have booked to go to Lourdes on **Saturday 24th May at 3.30pm** to discuss the trip and fundraising during June. Two Coffee Mornings planned for 15th and 29th June after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

JUBILEE BOOKLET – Our late Pope Francis invited us to celebrate this year 2025 as a Jubilee year with a theme of “Pilgrims of Hope”. Copies of the Jubilee Companion Booklet are available from the Parish Office, one per family. Please come and collect a copy.

OFFERTORY CASH DONATIONS – Please avoid putting discontinued/old £1 coins or £5, £10 & £20 notes in the offertory. Take these to your bank and they will change them for you.

Contactless Machine: For your Sunday/weekday offering use the Offertory tab only (first tab, not any of the other tabs. Some of you who are signing up for Gift Aid on the Contactless Machine or online donations are using only initials instead of your full name and surname and incomplete addresses. We cannot claim gift aid on these. You know who you are so kindly rectify your records. Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER CARDS – Please help yourself to one. They are in the porch.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

3rd-4th May

Loose £1,738.75 Envelopes £241.02 Total £1,979.77
Easter Offerings £40.00

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.