

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

17th - 18th May 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 17	11am 2pm 5pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Jose Delfino Pereira RIP (4 th Anniversary)
Sun 18	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Acima Da Gama – Birthday Thanksgiving Breda McCarthy (Intention) Christine Cahalane RIP (12 th Ann) People of the Parish
Mon 19	9.30am	Joanna Sousa RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Tues 20	9.30am	Franklin Colaco & Bernadine D'Sa – 25 th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving
Wed 21	9.30am	Cayden Adam Gomes – 2 nd Birthday Thanksgiving
Thur 22	9.30am	Maria Selvi in Thanksgiving
Fri 23	9.30am	Paulina Folake Badejo RIP (Anniversary)
Sat 24	11am 5pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Barbara May Light RIP
Sun 25	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	People of the Parish Dave Crawley RIP (Anniversary) Daphne Ashton RIP Sr Katherine O'Reilly RIP (B'day Rem'brance)

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the souls of Agueda & Morena Dourado RIP

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA (1380-1444)

Feast Day: May 20; Patron of PR, Advertisers, chest ailments, gambling addicts

"The highest form of humility is to serve others without expecting anything in return".

I was at a meeting this week, at which we discussed a report from the Bible Society called *The Quiet Revival*. Encouragingly, the report finds that the Church in England and Wales is currently in a period of rapid growth, especially amongst the young. The results of the report chime with our own experience here in Westminster Diocese, witnessed most evidently by the numbers who sought the Easter Sacraments a few weeks ago. This is also apparent in our parish as numbers 'quietly', steadily grow. Another key factor that *The Quiet Revival* report highlights (which I will make available on the parish website), is that the Church is showing a greater ethnic diversity, more than ever before; we recognise and celebrate this diversity – the fruits of this diversity – in the parish.

What appears to be surfacing in this 'growth time' are things such as the experience of a welcoming Church, the beauty of the liturgy, the search for friendship and community, the impact of integrating cultures – of intra-culturation – in a parish, the benefits of catechesis and study, and, of course, the example and application of the ministry of Pope Francis, who touched many hearts and showed us how to meet people exactly where they are, bringing the peripheries to the centre.

Clearly, at the heart of this revival is the work and love of God, igniting an attraction to participate in the life of the Catholic Church, which people are experiencing the benefits of. As the report tells us, *'young adults are more spiritually engaged than any other living generation, with Bible reading and belief in God on the rise...we also see that active engagement with a church has a significant impact in the lives of attenders, with a high increase in mental and general life wellbeing.'*

We celebrate this exciting experience, giving thanks to God for the graces He bestows on us and His Church. This is also an opportunity to participate more fully in this 'Quiet Revival', for all, as we deepen and extend our work as missionary disciples for the Lord, learning from the past, engaged with the present, in the hope of a strengthened future. As our readings presents us, we are to help God 'gather the church together', to fling open a welcoming 'door of faith', remembering that God will 'make all things new', as is occurring in this *Quiet Revival*.

Fr Mike

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter p.265

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

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a;

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter p.267

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67;

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23;

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING – Congratulations to our seven couples who went to the Cathedral on 17th May for the Marriage Thanksgiving Mass. Collectively, they complete 140 years of marriage.

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 24th May**. Confession will be from 9.30-10.30am. The Parish First Holy Communion Mass takes place at 11am on this dates. Please note it will be a busy time. Do keep our children in prayer.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 8TH JUNE - This 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, which will be straight after the usual 5pm Mass. Apologies for any inconvenience.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – **Thank you** for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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 for you to sign the weekend of 5th/6th July.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Bernice Iona Mary Johnson whose funeral takes place here on **Friday 23rd May at 11am**, Hyacinth Gillette whose funeral takes place here on **Monday 2nd June at 11am**, Hazel de Gama, Elizabeth Harris and Fr Francis Press. We also pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 8.30am – 4pm, Wed & Fri:
8.30am-1.00pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

-Confirmation Parents – Thursday 22nd May at 7.00pm, WHY Session 3 with Fr Mike.

-First Holy Communion – Thursday 22nd May – Rehearsal for 24th May at 4pm. First Holy Communion 24th May at 11am.

-Walk with Jesus – after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 25th May.

-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. 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 this **Sunday 18th May** in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Helen will also be having a mini sale n.

LOURDES 2025 – BOOKINGS OPEN! 25-31 JULY

There will be a 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.

We received two discontinued £5.00 notes in the PTF envelopes.

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.

PRAYER MEETING – Saturday 24th May in the Parish Centre at 6.15pm. Come and experience God's love and mercy.

THANK YOU – With my grateful thanks to all the faithful members of my St Lawrence's family who have prayed for and offered so many Masses for the repose of the soul of my beloved brother Tadeusz and have given me cards with words of sympathy and comfort. May God bless you all. *Maria Wolanska.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

10th – 11th May

Loose £1,603.13 Envelopes £193.00 Total £1,796.13

Easter Offerings £10.00, Priest Training Fund:

£1,004.34

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.