

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

24th - 25th May 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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)
Mon 26	10am	Sr Nora Gorman (Intention)
Tues 27	9.30am.	Sr Nora Gorman (Intention)
Wed 28	9.30am 7.00pm	Cirilio & Cecilia Rodrigues in Thanksgiving Eileen Kynes (Intentions)
Thur 29	9.30am 12noon 6pm	In Thanksgiving Thirunavukkarasu Pakkiyam RIP Agostinho Fernandes in Thanksgiving
Fri 30	9.30am	Frank Macken RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 31	11am 5pm	Sherwin Pires – Birthday Thanksgiving People of the Parish
Sun 1 June	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Theresa Keaveney RIP (5 th Anniversary) Frank Finnegan RIP (Anniversary) Rosario Pereira & Belinda Fernandes – 30 th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Bernardo D'Sa RIP & Antonita Dias – 50 th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the Raphael Danladi Birthday Thanksgiving		

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

NO ONE CONFERS SACRED POWER ON HIMSELF

Last Sunday, May 18th, the Conferral of the Insignia of the Petrine Office on Pope Leo XIV was carried out at the Mass of Inauguration of the Ministry of the Bishop of Rome. This was done by three Cardinals representing the Orders in the Cardinalate and various continents of the world. Cardinal Dominique Mamberti (France) representing Europe and the Order of Cardinal Deacons conferred Pope Leo with the Pallium. Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besungu (DRC Congo) representing Africa and the Order of Cardinal Priests said the prayer of the conferral of the Pallium. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle (Philippines) representing Asia and the Order of Cardinal Bishops conferred Pope Leo with the Fisherman's Ring. This was followed by the Rite of Obedience. Various persons selected from the People of God (Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, and Lay Faithful) came forward to pay their respects and pledge obedience to the new Vicar of Christ, Successor of the Apostle Peter, and Bishop of Rome. Confirmed in Heaven, Sealed on Earth.

The Pope is the Vicar of Christ and Supreme Pastor of the Universal Church. Above the Pope, there is no earthly principality. His words carry a weight commensurate with his standing as the bridge in the long chain of faith and history that stretches back 2,000 years to Peter and to Christ. But despite the immensity of his sacred power, Pope Leo XIV could not confer on himself the symbols of his new office. He had to receive it from another. The Pallium was "conferred" on him. The Fisherman's Ring was "conferred" on him. He could not take the Pallium and just wear it on himself. He had to bow his head and receive it from another. He could not just pick the Fisherman's Ring and slide it into his finger. He had to stretch his finger and allow someone else wear it in for him. That is how things operate in the spiritual and sacramental order. No one, no matter how strong or powerful, confers a spiritual or sacramental gift on himself. For instance, you cannot baptise yourself, you cannot ordain yourself, you cannot confirm yourself, you cannot anoint yourself, you cannot marry yourself, you cannot absolve yourself of your sins, you always submit yourself to receive the gift of God from another. The sacred power and authority that God confers on his servants are always mediated through another. That is the mystery of the Church, and it is a call to humility.

Fr Andrew

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT PHILIP NERI, Priest (1515-1595)

Feast Day: May 26; Patron of the Oratory, joy, humour

"The cross is the gift God gives to his friends".

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Ascension of the Lord p.271

Seventh Sunday of Easter p.275

1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 97;

2nd Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20;

Gospel: John 17:20-26

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

MONDAY 26TH MAY is a Bank Holiday, Mass will be at 10am with Morning Prayer at 9.40am.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – There will be a Vigil Mass on **28th May at 7pm** with Mass on **29th May at 9.30am, 12noon and 6pm**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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.

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.

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES - Thank you to all those who have expressed their hope for a weekday evening Mass. Your experience, voice and the expression of your hopes for our parish are essential, especially when there is a new parish priest and assistant parish priest in town. They help us to understand more deeply our role as your shepherds, as well as experience the 'thirsts' amongst parishioners. The Parish Team have discussed this and, so, from the 1st June there will be **two evening Masses per week, at 7.00pm on a Tuesday and Friday**. Much thought was given to timings and we feel it prudent to align these Mass times to that of the Vigil for a Solemnity (and our now established Sunday evening Mass), whilst taking into account the need to remain accessible to shift workers. Please do spread this news of these newly established weekday Masses.

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

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Hyacinth Gillette whose Funeral Mass takes place here on **Monday 2nd June at 11am**, Timothy Conroy's Funeral Mass will take place on **Tuesday 10th June at 9.30am at our Parish Mass**, Hazel da 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.

CATECHESIS CORNER - Following the success of the Lent programme and other teaching and formation opportunities that have arisen in the past six months, such as the three sessions for the parents and guardians of our Confirmation candidates, the new Baptismal Preparation Programme and, the soon to be launched, Marriage Preparation Programme, the thirst for catechesis [*cat-eh-key-sis*] appears to be rising. Pope St John Paul II said that *'catechesis is an education of children, young people and adults in the faith, which includes especially the teachings of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christ's life. Its purpose is to develop a living, explicit and active faith, enlightened by doctrine.'* Pope Francis reminds us that catechesis comes from the Greek for 'echo' and, as such, emphasises that catechesis is an *'echo of the Word of God'*, in which the ministry of teaching and formation helps us to understand more the truth and beauty of the faith, as well as to be able to live it more abundantly and communicate it to others. So, from 1st June, there will be a section in the weekly newsletter oriented to a particular catechesis; this section will be named *Catechesis Corner*. To help us to develop this for the future, if you have any questions that you would like us to help form an answer to, that we can use in this catechesis, please send them to us via the parish office. We hope you enjoy this new adventure of faith formation.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

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

-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. West Middx Hospital - Tel. 020 8321 5447,

St Peter's Chertsey - Tel: 01932 872000.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS

Helen Hurley feels blessed and thanks all those who helped in any way at the Coffee Morning which raised an amazing sum of £1,160 for the Zimbabwean Orphans.

LOST SHOPPING - Would the lady who lost her shopping in Church on Good Friday please speak to Florie. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

17th – 18th May

Loose £1,547.76 Envelopes £191.00 Total £1,738.76

Priest Training Fund: £539.00

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.