



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time - Year C

5th – 6th July 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 5th 11am 5pm	Merlita Pires (Birthday) Newton Faria	T'GIVING T'GIVING
Sun 6th 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Edel Pires (17 th Birthday) Agnelo & Sandra – Wedding Ann Veronica & Birilo Gomes Pro Populo	T'GIVING T'GIVING RIP INT
Mon 7th 9.30am	Megan Fernandes (Birthday)	T'GIVING
Tue 8th 9.30am 7pm	Paul Easterbrook, Aunty Betty & Carol Easterbrook Joshua Saldanha	RIP T'GIVING
Wed 9th 9.30am	Amanaria Fernandes	RIP (2 nd A)
Thur 10th 9.30am	Gregory Coutinho	RIP (A)
Fri 11th 9.30am 7pm	Conceicao Martins Mary Punitha & Anto	RIP (A) T'GIVING
Sat 12th 11am 5pm	Victor & Jeronmia (36 th W/A) Milagres & Rustan Pavia	T'GIVING RIP
Sun 13th 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Pro Populo D'csed members - Murray Family Joseph Roberts Irena Fydrich	INT RIP RIP RIP (A)

Dear Friends,

On TV there is a commercial for (I think for cosmetic products) and this company use as their slogan “BECAUSE YOU ARE WORTH IT.” I would imagine that this is because they are leading the consumer into buying a product as a treat or something that you might wear occasionally.

I'm not sure that the phrase “Because you are worth it” would apply to the seven figure salaries that are earned by some premier league footballers (well the male ones) or pop stars or senior business executives. But I suppose I would concede that they at least these individuals do have something to boast about.

In today's second reading which is taken from the very end of Paul's letter to the Galatians, Paul could have boasted about having been a learned and observant Jew. He could have spoken of what he was worth for the mission of the infant Church,

But no, he wrote that the only thing he had to boast about was the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

And the truth that through the cross the world was crucified to him.

In his letter to the Galatians Paul was arguing with people who thought they would be worth more as Christians, if they also pulled all the stops out to keep the rules of the Jewish law. But Paul tells them ‘no’. For example it doesn't matter whether a man has been circumcised; what matters is whether he has been changed. Frankly, he must become “a new creation.” For Paul, The Galatians are worth it (In fact we are all worth it) simply because God loves us, Christ died for us and that changes everything. In reality, sport or cosmetics or anything else you can think of, only takes second place.

Have a Blessed week.

Deacon Colin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today: 14th Sunday of the Year, p.105
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Benedict of Nursia ((480-547),
Feast Day July 11, Founder of the Benedictine Order
"The first step of humility is unhesitating obedience which comes naturally to those who cherish Christ above all."

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday to Thursday: 10.00am–12noon; Friday: 12.30-2.30pm

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CATECHESIS CORNER

The Easter (Paschal) Candle is only ever lit for us, personally, twice in our lives; at our baptism and at our funeral. The rich symbolism of the Paschal Candle, first and foremost, reminds us of Christ's presence, as the Light for the world, and His victory over sin and death; the Light of Christ shared for all, yet never dimmed. During the Rite of Baptism, usually the Father or Godfather take a smaller, baptismal candle, and light it from the Paschal Candle, as the minister of baptism says *'receive the light of Christ'*. This, too, is rich with symbolism, for example, it represents the handing on of the faith and it is a sign that Christ himself has enlightened the newly baptised and that, through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, the newly baptised are themselves called to be a 'light of the world,' (CCC 1243), with the assistance of the whole Christian community. For me, one of the most moving elements of the baptism are the next set of words that the minister prays, once the family receive the baptismal candle: *'Parents and godparents, this light has been entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as a child of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.'* I hope you can see straightaway the link to the Paschal Candle being lit at our baptism and at our funeral. The image that strikes me whenever I pray this prayer is that of us holding our baptismal candle in one hand and Christ holding our other hand, as He leads us to the Father, at that moment when we close our eyes to this world and open them to Him. Our gift, then, is to help each other to be children of light, to encourage each other as pilgrims of hope, and to keep the flame of faith alive in hearts, and, in doing so, realise our own baptismal mission, to help people get to Heaven.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS – On **Saturday 12th July** we invite all our volunteers to a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11am, for all you do. This will be followed by a get together in the Parish Centre.

COULD YOU SERVE AS A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR? St. Lawrence Catholic Primary School is seeking a Foundation Governor to join our dedicated Governing Body. We are especially looking for someone with experience in fundraising and/or finance who is committed to supporting Catholic education. As a Foundation Governor, appointed by the Diocese, you will play a vital role in maintaining the school's Catholic ethos, guiding strategic direction, and ensuring sound financial oversight. You do not need to be an education expert—training and support will be provided—but you should be a practising Catholic and willing to share your time, skills, and faith. Interested? To find out more or express interest, please contact: The school office Telephone: 0208 890 3878 for more details or Email: office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk FAO Tom Gallahue, The Chair of Governors. *Help shape the future of our children and school community!*

FREE GREENHOUSE AVAILABLE if anyone would like a used greenhouse, the one located in the parish garden, you would be most welcome to have it. You will need to arrange someone to come to dismantle it, safely, and deliver it to you. If you would like to see it, please don't hesitate to ask. This is a first-come, first-served opportunity.

CAFOD – CANCEL DEBT CHOOSE HOPE – At the end of Masses this weekend there will be an opportunity to sign a petition to cancel debt of countries hit hardest by climate crisis. Miriam McEaney will say a few words before the final blessing.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Walk with Jesus after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 6th July.

First Holy Communion and Walk With Jesus 2026 -

Applications are now open for our First Holy Communion programme starting in September for those who will be in Year 3 or above in September and attending a Catholic School and for...

The Walk with Jesus programme for Year 2 and above in September for children in non-Catholic Schools.

♦ *Please email Cathy Early (details over the page) for an application form for any of the above Programmes.*

Confirmation 2026 – Bookings not yet open, watch this space.

Baptism The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Thursday **10th July** 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 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 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – **Date:** Saturday 20 September. Lay led pilgrimage from Feltham. If you are interested in going please contact Florie. If we get sufficient numbers we will hire a coach.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DETAILS For those traveling on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, please do check your tickets when you receive them from Tangney Tours to make sure you are on the 5pm flight from London Stansted Airport on Friday the 25th July. If any concerns please do not hesitate to be in contact with me. The Coach will depart from the parish at 12noon, to get us to the airport in good time for check-in. The 9.30am Mass that day will be our opening Mass as we begin our travel to Lourdes, so please bring your luggage with you, if you wish to attend that Mass. The Parish House will be available for pilgrims after Mass for refreshments before we begin loading the coach. For those who have registered to use the coach transfer, I ask you all to be here for 11.30am, at the latest, and please do not forget your passport and other essential documents! I am very much looking forward to making this pilgrimage with you. Father Mike

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

28th – 29th June

Loose £1,778.66 Envelopes £206.47 Total £2,076.21

Peter's Pence: £374.75 Coffee morning: £320.65

St John the Baptist Feast Day: £475.42

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