



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- Year C

19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> 11am 5pm	Michael Joseph D’Souza Terry & Mary McGechie	RIP RIP
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Rosie & Carafino Bragança Visitacao Judith Fernandes Thressiamma Augustine Pro Populo	RIP T’GIVING RIP (A) INT
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> 9.30am	Ernesto Vicera	RIP (8 <sup>th</sup> A)
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9.30am 7pm	Manuel Correia Ron Mitchell	RIP RIP
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9.30am	Sr Monica & Sr Nora	INT
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	Zayne Fernandes	T’GIVING
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am 2pm 7pm	Maria Chelladurai PATRICK JOSEPH BEIRNE (PAT) Russell Fernandes	RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> A) FUNERAL RIP
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> 11am 5pm	Anne Bagnall RIP Ivy Adams	RIP INT
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Dominic Dieseru Wency & Nita Fernandes Prisca Pereira Pro Populo	SP. INT SP. INT/GH T’GIVING INT

Sanctuary Lamp lit for the intentions of our Clergy & Religious

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

MARTHA AND MARY – ENCOUNTERS OF LOVE!

Martha and Mary both warmly welcomed Our Lord into their house, in different ways: Martha prioritises service, Mary prioritises carefully listening to the Lord, resting in the presence of God, to simply ‘be’ with Jesus. All who follow Jesus are called ‘to be’ with him, to know him, to have fellowship with him and be nourished by his Word and Sacrament. We do this not for an end in itself, but so that we can be strengthened to participate in doing the Lord’s work, understanding all the more what He needs us to do; to serve Him in and with others. Today’s Gospel shows us through the narrative of Martha and Mary, a complementarity and a wholeness of how we are called to respond to God entering into our lives, daily – in the ordinary and in the extraordinary: Reflection and contemplation, for action! St Teresa of Calcutta famously commented, “*If Martha had imitated Mary, Christ would have gone without his dinner!*” By saying that ‘*Mary has chosen the good portion,*’ Jesus is reminding us that restoration requires us to be with Jesus in precious moments, encounters of love.

Friends, as we step into the summer holidays, may we be idle with our families and with the Lord, put down our burdens and choose one thing; to know the peace and joy of Mary by sitting at the feet of the Lord. Then we will be restored physically and spiritually for our ‘Martha work’ in continuing Christ’s mission in our everyday lives. Happy and safe holidays!

Fr Mike

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year, p.111

Next week: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year, p.114

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Joseph Beirne whose Funeral Service is here at 2pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July. 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 Bridget of Sweden (1304-1373),  
Feast Day July 23, co-Patroness of Europe  
“*The source of justice is not vengeance but charity.*”

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## CATECHESIS CORNER

This weekend's Gospel teaches us that rest is important, especially the Sabbath rest. The Catechism reminds us that 'God's action is the model for human action. If God *rested and was refreshed* on the seventh day, man too ought to 'rest' and should let others, especially the poor, *be refreshed*. The sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite' (CCC 2172). We respect the holiness of this day, the gift of 'the rest', mindful of how many others continue to work for our health and wellbeing and, as such, live out the 'compassion in which Christ declares the sabbath is for doing good ... for saving life.' (CCC 2173). Recent Vatican News coverage said that 'a break from work to restore physical strength, a chance to travel and contemplate the beauty of nature, a time for reading and new friendships or to meditate and pray,' were important for the vacation of former Popes. Pope Francis also underlined the need to entrust to our Mother, Mary, 'the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, the reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments.' Whatever we do this summer, may we take 'adequate rest and leisure time to cultivate our familial, cultural, social and religious lives' (CCC 2184) and reach out to others.

**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](mailto:office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk) FAO Tom Gallahue, The Chair of Governors. *Help shape the future of our children and school community!*

**FRIEND'S CIRCLE** – Last meeting before the summer break is on **Monday 28th July at 12.30pm** in the presbytery. We will restart on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**PRAYER MEETING** - St. Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group invites all our Parishioners to Prayer Meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July an evening of **Intercessory Prayer** on **26 July both at 6:15 pm in the Parish Centre**. Come and experience God's Love & Mercy!

**NEW CONTACTLESS MACHINES** – We have finally got two new functioning Contactless machines! Please scroll down the list so you can tap to pay for the correct offering, the list of options has increased. You also have the option to Gift Aid your donation and to also get a receipt. Any problems, speak to one of the Team. For Mass Intentions please book your date with Florie before paying. Thank you for your support and generosity for our Parish Mission.

**YOUNG ADULTS ASSUMPTION OF MARY MINI RETREAT** with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 9th August 2025, 2.30pm – 5.30pm**. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme includes: prayer • reflection • adoration • social. Donations only. Register by emailing to: [rebecca@assumpta-eu.org](mailto:rebecca@assumpta-eu.org)

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

**First Holy Communion 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.

**The Walk with Jesus 2026** 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 **14<sup>th</sup> August** 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 next date for this course is **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. 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.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**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. Closing date for giving in names is 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**STAY & PLAY TODDLER GROUP** – are now on their summer break.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Loose £1,938.60 Envelopes £196.72 Total £2,135.32

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