ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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26th - 27th July 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 26 th 11am 5pm	Anne Bagnall RIP Ivy Adams	RIP INT
Sun 27th 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Dominic Dieseru Wency & Nita Fernandes Prisca Pereira Pro Populo	SP. INT SP. INT/GH T'GIVING INT
Mon 28 th 9.30am	Mrs & Mrs Murphy & Family	RIP (A)
Tue 29 th 9.30am	Crisostomo Magduza, Aurelia & Emelio Perocho	RIP
7pm	Justin Ibarra	RIP (11 th A)
Wed 30 th 9.30am	Anne Bagnall	RIP (1st A)
Thur 31 st 9.30am	Arthur & Margaret Levins	RIP
Fri 1 st Aug 9.30am 7pm	Hazel Da Gama Fr Michael Maguire	RIP INT
Sat 2 nd 11am 5pm	Jose Manuel Vieira Ferraz Darryl Fernandes	RIP RIP
Sun 3 rd 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Mercy Dias (3 rd Birthday) Paloma Mascarenhas Frank Macken (Birthday Rem.) Pro Populo	T'GIVING T'GIVING RIP INT

Sanctuary Lamp lit for the repose of the soul of Farhat Joseph RIP

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

Our Lord teaches us to pray

In this passage, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray by giving them the Lord's Prayer. He reminds us that prayer is not about perfect words, but about a sincere heart. When we pray, we are speaking to a loving Father listens. understands, and provides. encourages us to be persistent in prayer, using the parable of a friend knocking at midnight.

This story teaches us that God is never too busy or unwilling to help. Like a good parent, He desires to give us what we truly need—especially the gift of the Holy Spirit. In today's world, where people often rely on quick solutions or feel distant from God, this passage calls us to trust, ask, seek, and knock with faith.

Prayer isn't just about asking for things—it's about building a relationship with God. Even when the answers don't come immediately, or in the way we expect, we are reminded that God's timing and love are perfect. Let us keep praying, trusting that our heavenly Father hears us and always gives what is best for our souls.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Rolly

Please note this is the last full newsletter for the summer. We will resume on the first Sunday in September. Have a happy holiday everyone and stay safe.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Today: 17th Sunday of the Year, p.114 Next week: 18th Sunday of the Year, p.117

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Stillman and of those who have died recently. 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 Ignatius of Loyola(1491-1556), Feast Day July 31, Co-Founder of the Society of Jesus "He who carries God in his heart bears Heaven with him wherever he goes."

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consultation. The results were powerful and showed that 74% of parishioners who voted preferred the proposed changes, 22% preferred to stay as per the current schedule and 4% were happy with either choice. In light of this, from 1st September 2025 we shall change to the new Saturday liturgy schedule, as follows

9.30am Mass 10-11am

Confessions, with Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, followed by Benediction

4 - 5pm

6pm Mass

There were many helpful suggestions from parishioners, including considering a weekday period of confession. At the moment, regrettably, we are unable to offer another period of Confession due to the regular and expanding commitments throughout the week, but please remember that you can make an appointment with a priest for Confession during the week. Again, thank you for your engagement with this process and your understanding of the need for this change to more fully serve our parish needs.

ST LAWRENCE FEAST DAY, 10th AUGUST – this year our Parish Patronal Feast Day falls on a Sunday. As such, we are permitted to have all Masses on this Sunday (and the Vigil Mass) offered to the dedication of St Lawrence. Friends, we should celebrate this important day in our annual calendar, the life, example and intercession of St Lawrence for our parish. To that end, the 11.00am Mass will be our main Feast Day Mass, with the coming together of as many members of our 'Super Choir', from all our Mass choirs. This will be followed by a parish party, in the parish centre and church grounds, whilst being mindful that our Polish brothers and sisters will be celebrating Mass Please can I ask that we all bring a plate of food to share – please do bring food representative of your own culture too. We thought it would be good to have a BBQ, too, and the parish shall provide the ingredients for the BBQ. In light of this, might there be a few volunteers who can 1. Provide us with some music (perhaps international representative of our parish) and 2. Someone who may have a BBQ that could be brought to the parish and who is themselves experienced at BBQing - you wouldn't want me doing that job! Let's make this a fun day, celebrating St Lawrence, our Patron Saint…. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY -This is a holy day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be at 7pm on Thursday 14th August and Masses on Friday 15th August will be at 9.30am, 12noon and 7pm.

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 31st July.

STAY & PLAY TODDLER GROUP - are now on their summer break

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 either of the above Programmes. In your email please state age of child, school year and the name of School. Thank you.

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

Baptism The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Thursday 14th 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE – The next course will be on Saturday 4th October from 10am to 6pm. Please contact Florie in the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

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.

PRAYER MEETING - St. Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group invites all our Parishioners to an evening of **Intercessory Prayer** on **26 July both** at **6:15 pm** in the Parish Centre.

COULD YOU SERVE AS Α FOUNDATION GOVERNOR? St. Lawrence Catholic Primary School is seeking a Foundation Governor to join our dedicated Governing Body. 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 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!

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY 19th - 20th July 2025

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