

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Year C

13th-14th September 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| Sat 13th <u>9.30am</u> <u>6pm</u> | Fernandes Family D'ceased Family of Ivy Adams | T'GIVING RIP |
| Sun 14th 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm | People of the Parish Gabriel D'Souza Zygmunt & Tadeuz Z Wolanski and Stefania Wolanska D'csd Gill & Foxen Family | INT RIP RIP RIP |
| Mon 15th 9.30am | Anita Calmiano | RIP (A) |
| Tue 16th 9.30am 7pm | Lisa Mascarenhas (2 nd Birthday) Isaac Rodricks (Good Health) | T'GIVING T'GIVING |
| Wed 17th 9.30am | Bartholomew & Mariquinha Fernandes | RIP (A) |
| Thur 18th 9.30am | Sylvia D'Mello (B'day Rem.) | RIP |
| Fri 19th 9.30am 7pm | Valanka Saldanha (Good Health) Raymond Crosby Lobo | INT RIP |
| Sat 20th <u>9.30am</u> <u>6pm</u> | Tadeusz Z Wolanski Mary & Luis Silveira (Wedding A) | RIP T'GIVING |
| Sun 21st 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm | Hazel Da Gama (Birthday Rem.) Michael McManus Sheila Christina Geaves nee Fenlon People of the Parish | RIP RIP (A) RIP (1 st A) INT |

Sanctuary Lamp lit for the soul of Comfort Okonta RIP

OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

Confessions and Adoration: Saturdays 10.15pm-11.15am
Confessions: Saturday 4pm-5pm
Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am
Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am
St Anthony Devotion: Tuesday 10am
Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am
Sacred Heart Devotion & Adoration: First Friday (10am-3pm)
Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3rd & 4th Saturday 7pm

Polish Mass: Sundays 1.00pm
Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sunday 2.30pm
Filipino Mass: 4th Saturday 3pm
Nigerian Mass: 4th Sunday 2.30pm

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday, Carlos Acutis, who has been called “Gods influencer” by Pope Francis was canonised by Pope Leo in Rome. St Carlos Acutis was born in London in 1991 and was baptised in the church of Our Lady of Dolours in Chelsea, but moved to Milan with his family whilst he was still a baby. He died in Monza, Italy on October 12th 2006 from leukaemia.

His life, was of course by anyone's standards tragically short. But surely, it is what he achieved in his life that is relevant. He was volunteering in his parish as a catechist at the age of 12, no doubt leading the catechism of his peers. I recently read a report attributed to his parish priest of the time who said that Carlos was able to apply himself equally to his catechism class and to his school studies and particularly to computer science.

But surely more important that all of the above was his devotion to the Eucharist, in which he demonstrated to us on his website where he documented Eucharistic miracles.

Carlos would have understood that the starting point for Eucharistic spirituality is the table of the Lord Jesus. Carlos would have understood that The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. Carlos would have understood that the other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented towards it.

The risen Lord has taught and nourished his followers at the table of His Body and Blood throughout the ages, and indeed continues to send them forth to continue his mission of proclaiming the Good News and building the reign of God. The table is central to our faith as Catholic Christians because it is at the table, (as it was for the disciples journeying on the road to Emmaus) that Christ makes himself known to us in “The Breaking of Bread.”

St Carlos Acutis pray for us.

Have a Blessed Week.

Deacon Colin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today: Exaltation of the Holy Cross, p.191
Next week: 25th Sunday of the Year, p.140

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jan Citriak, Ann Davies, Peter Routley, Derek Spencer and Baby Faith and of all 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 Cornelius (Pope d.253) & Saint Cyprian
(Bishop 200-258) Feast Day September 16^h,

“This supernatural bread and this consecrated chalice are for the health and salvation of mankind.” (St Cyprian)

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CATECHESIS CORNER

Reverence During Holy Communion

We are continuing our lesson this week on the proper conduct expected of Catholics when they receive Holy Communion.

1. It is required that Catholics abstain from food and drinks before receiving Holy Communion. According to the 1983 Code of Canon Law, no. 919, "Whoever is to receive the blessed Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from all food and drink, with the sole exception of water and medicine." This implies that taking medication or drinking plain water during the one-hour fasting period is acceptable. Notably, the canon requires "at least one hour." This is meant to motivate us to fast for a longer duration before Holy Communion, going above and beyond the legal limit. Regretfully, some people have been observed coming to receive Holy Communion while chewing food or bubble gum. That is not right.

2. It is advised that we practise good personal hygiene before receiving Holy Communion, including brushing our teeth and, in fact, keeping our entire body clean. Aside being a sign of respect to Jesus, present in body, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist, it is good for our health.

To be continued next week...

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND -

Cardinal Vincent Nichols invites you to observe **Monday, 15 September—the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows** as a special Day of Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land and to pray especially for all those suffering in Gaza.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE DETAILS FOR

SATURDAY - Next Saturday 20th September we go on our pilgrimage to Walsingham. Please wait at the bottom of The Green/Browells Lane **by 6.45am for a prompt 7am departure**. Be prepared for all types of weather (dress in layers). Do not forget to bring enough food and drink with you to last all day. There will be one comfort break each way. Wear strong walking shoes or something you are comfortable walking in. If anyone is unable to walk the mile in the procession please let Florie know and she will put your name down for the coach. We aim to arrive by 10.45am, Mass is at 12noon then lunch, Procession and Benediction 2.30pm-4.30pm, then return journey home. Please note anyone cancelling at this stage will not get a refund.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - This will take place at every Mass over the next four weekends.

All ushers and those from our different Ethnic Chaplaincies please complete your counting sheet and return to one of the Clergy or Florie after Mass.

PRAYER MEETING - St. Lawrence Charismatic Prayer Group invites all our Parishioners to a **Prayer Meeting** on **20 September 2025** and an **Intercessory Prayer** on **27 September 2025** at **7.00pm** in the Parish Centre.

FRIENDS CIRCLE – meet on **Monday 22nd September** at **12.30pm** in the Presbytery.

DEANERY HEALTH & SAFETY AND FIRE

WARDEN TRAINING Saturday 11th October at 10am (about 2.5 hours). At The Pope John Centre, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, 15 The Green, Heston TW5 0RL This is for all our Fire Wardens and those with Health & Safety responsibilities including our Ethnic Chaplaincies. Please let Florie in the Parish Office know if you are attending.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS – Please see the noticeboard for dates and times at the various schools in the area.

APPLICATION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL Certificate of

Catholic Practice (CCP) - To be issued with a CCP an applicant must meet the eligibility criteria. The CCP is certifying that you live within the parish boundary or that this is your regular place of worship, and certifying your Catholic Practice at Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation over several years. **Without this regular practice, regrettably, it is not possible for a CCP to be issued.** If you have moved to the parish in the past two years, then please ask for a letter from your former Parish Priest stating your practice, to accompany your application. If you meet the criteria outlined above, please **book a ten-minute appointment with Florie, in person**, and pick up an application pack at the same time. Then, if you meet the criteria, complete the Self-Assessment Form and the CCPs (one for each Catholic school you are applying for) in your application pack, bringing them and other relevant documents to your meeting with Father Mike. The parish office is very busy and we ask that you only make the bookings at the times advertised below, and this must be done **in person, not** by phone or email.

Booking dates and times with Florie in Church porch: 19/9 3-3.45pm and 22/9 8.30-9am. You will then be given an appointment time with Father Mike.

Individual meetings with Father Mike, dates and times: 26/09 1-5pm (**FULL**); 07/10 11.30am – 3pm and 17/10 1-5pm.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

First Holy Communion 2026 – **Applications are now closed.**

The Walk with Jesus 2026 programme for Year 2 and above in September for children in non-Catholic Schools. **Closing date for Walk with Jesus is 14th September 2025.** Welcome Mass on Sunday 14th at the 9.30am Mass.

Confirmation 2026 –Registration has not yet started, It will be announced in the newsletter shortly.

RCIA & Adult Confirmations - The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a course offered to those in our parish who may be considering becoming a Catholic, seeking Baptism, or Reception into the Roman Catholic Church if you are already a Christian from another denomination, or who may have missed the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation as children or teenagers. The course will run between October and April and will be held in the Parish Centre on most Tuesday evenings, 6.30pm – 8.00pm. To register or to seek further information please contact the parish office on feltham@rcdow.org.uk or visit the parish website.

Baptism The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Thursday 9th October 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 – The course scheduled for Saturday 4th October **IS FULL**. The next course is on 17th January, 2026. Please contact Florie in the Parish Office by email to book a place (details overleaf).

PARISH OFFICE NEW OPENING TIMES

Mon, Wed, Thurs: 10.00am–12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm
Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

6-7 September 2025

Loose £1,932.94 Envelopes £234.70 Total £2,167.64

8th September (Our Lady's Birthday): £553.27

HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRCDDT 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.