

ST LAWRENCE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year C

20th-21st September 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 20 th <u>9.30am</u> <u>6pm</u>	Tadeusz Z Wolanski Mary & Luis Silveira (Wedding A)	RIP T’GIVING
Sun 21 st 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
Mon 22 nd 9.30am	Mylon Silveira (Birthday)	T’GIVING
Tue 23 rd 9.30am 7pm	Cianza Fernandes (3 rd Birthday) Gloria Joby (Birthday)	T’GIVING T’GIVING
Wed 24 th 9.30am	Mama Felicia Araba Forson	RIP (A)
Thur 25 th 9.30am	D’csd members – Couto Family	RIP
Fri 26 th 9.30am 7pm	Beryl Clarke Ricarte Bansale	RIP INT
Sat 27 th <u>9.30am</u> <u>6pm</u>	Caelan D’Costa (Birthday) Agnes Porutota	T’GIVING RIP
Sun 28 th 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Samson Isa Justin Dias (12 th Birthday) Veronica Charlton (Birthday Rem) Simi Ritchings	RIP (3 rd A) T’GIVING RIP RIP
Sanctuary Lamp lit for the intentions of the Dieseru Family		
OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY		
Confessions and Adoration: <u>Saturdays 10.15am-11.15am</u>		
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: 3 rd & 4 th Saturday 7pm		
Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1.00pm		
Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sunday 2.30pm <u>(No Mass on 21/9/25)</u>		
Filipino Mass: 4th Saturday 3pm		
Nigerian Mass: 4th Sunday 2.30pm		

“You cannot serve both God and wealth.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the shrewd steward who, when faced with losing his job, acts cleverly to secure his future. At first, it might seem like Jesus is praising dishonesty. However, He is not praising the steward’s corruption but his **wisdom and determination** in preparing for what comes next.

Jesus challenges us to reflect on how we use the resources, opportunities, and relationships entrusted to us. The steward used wealth to gain friends and security for his future. Likewise, Jesus invites us to use our talents, time, and money **for eternal purposes**—to help others, build God’s Kingdom, and grow in love and mercy.

In our modern world, it’s easy to get caught up in wealth, possessions, and status. Yet, Jesus reminds us that these things are temporary. True security is not in bank accounts or material success but in living faithfully and generously.

The Gospel ends with a clear and powerful message: “No servant can serve two masters.” We must ask ourselves: **Who is truly at the centre of my life—God or money?** If we place our trust in God and use what we have wisely for good, we prepare not just for the future in this world, but for eternal life.

May we have the courage to be faithful stewards, using our blessings to bring hope, love, and justice to others, so that one day, we will be welcomed into the everlasting home with Christ.

Have a Blessed Week.
Deacon Rolly

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Today: 25th Sunday of the Year, p.140
Next week: 26th Sunday of the Year, p.143

REST IN PEACE
We pray for the repose of the souls of Stephanie Cooray, Celestino Relato, Jan Citriak, Ann Davies 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 Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) [*Padre Pio*]
Feast Day: 23 September, Priest
“The root of all evil is ‘I’, ‘Me’, ‘Mine’.”
“Prayer is the oxygen of the soul.”

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CATECHESIS CORNER

Reverence During Holy Communion

Continuing with our Catechesis this week on the appropriate behaviour expected of Catholics during Holy Communion. The Code of Canon Law, Number 230 paragraph 3 states: "When the need of the Church warrants it ... lay persons, ...can also... distribute holy communion...". Despite this instruction, it has been observed that some Catholics receive Holy Communion exclusively from the priest and would not receive from the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. It is pertinent to know that Jesus is present in Holy Communion, whether you receive from the priest or the Extra Ordinary Minister. Avoiding an Extra Ordinary Minister during Holy Communion is disrespectful to the person and above all disrespectful to Jesus.

THANK YOU to Fr Gregory who has now returned back to Ghana. He has been of great help to the parish in the last couple of months. He has arrived safely back in his parish. He sends his love, prayers and thanks to each one of you for the generosity extended to him in various ways.

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 an **Intercessory Prayer** on **20 September 2025**, and for the **2nd Anniversary Celebration** on **27 September 2025 at 7:00 pm onwards** in the Parish Centre.

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.

CONTACTLESS MACHINES - Sincere apologies for the malfunction of both machines. We are trying to resolve the situation.

SAFETY IN CHURCH - Last weekend we had an incident at one of the Masses, when a ladies handbag was being taken out of the Church by somebody. Thankfully due to the alertness of the victim the bag was recovered. Ladies, please be vigilant with your bags and phones, especially when going up to receive the Holy Eucharist.

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL - There will be a Eucharistic Festival on **Saturday 11 October at 12:30** with Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral, with Veneration of a Relic of the newly canonised St Carlo Acutis. The afternoon will also include Mass celebrated by the Cardinal, addresses by Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Fr Alan Robinson, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. A poster is on the notice board.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE is being planned for October. More information next week.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - Friday 3rd October. Envelopes will be available in the porch. Please take one and return with the offertory collection on the 4th/5th October.

WELCOME PACK - If you are new to the parish or have been here a while but not registered please take a Welcome Pack available in the porch. You only need one per family. When complete tear off the Registration Page and hand it in to the Parish Office or post through the letterbox.

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.

The last date for booking dates and times with Florie in Church porch: 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 programme will begin shortly.

The Walk with Jesus 2026 programme for Year 2 and above in September for children in non-Catholic Schools. **Applications are now closed.** The programme begins on **Sunday 21st September** after 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).

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

13-14 September 2025

Loose £1,792.05 Envelopes £232.50 Total £2,024.55

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