



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C

25th-26th October 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 25 <u>9.30am</u> 6pm	Alexis Isa – Birthday Power Family	T’GIVING INT
Sun 26 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Rocha Fernandes Aloyis D’Costa - Birthday Clare Sheldrake nee Rich Raymond Crosby Lobo	RIP T’GIVING RIP RIP
Mon 27 9.30am	People of the Parish	RIP
Tue 28 9.30am 7pm	Alfred Kanagarasa Tadeusz Z Wolanski	RIP (1 st A) RIP
Wed 29 9.30am	Myles & Macklin Rodrigues (B’day)	T’GIVING
Thur 30 9.30am	Ashwin Cardoso	T’GIVING
Fri 31 9.30am 7pm	Feyi Badejo (B’day) Stephanie Cooray (40 days)	T’GIVING RIP
Sat 1 Nov <u>9.30am</u> 6pm	Alice Danladi (B’day) Jennifer Coenraad	T’GIVING RIP
Sun 2 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	ALL SAINTS DAY People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish	INT INT INT INT
Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the soul of Rose Ezeh RIP		
INTOTHER 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: 3rd & 4th Saturday 7pm Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1.00pm Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sunday 2.30pm Filipino Mass: 4th Saturday 2.30pm Nigerian Mass: 4th Sunday 2.30pm		

I was humoured when I read today’s Gospel, in preparation for the end of our parish Planned Giving Drive, with the Gospel presenting us with the tithing of the Pharisee! Friends, we wish to offer a sincere and heartfelt **‘thank you!’** for your generous engagement with our Planned Giving Drive, for your enthusiasm to pray, discern and respond as you have. In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us that true righteousness flows not from pride, but from humble and sincere hearts. Like the tax collector who bowed before God in honesty, we, too, have done the same during this Planned Giving Drive, and all our giving springs from genuine faith, love of the Lord and His Church, and a deep love and concern for our parish. Our stewardship is not just about finances; it’s about faith in action, sustaining the vibrant nature of our parish and the living mission we seek to serve and develop. With our eyes on the Lord Jesus, our hopes and prayers for our parish chiming with those of our patron, St Lawrence, for your giving from the heart, for trusting in God’s providence, and for helping to build and strengthen a Church that continues to serve and shine as a beacon of Christ’s love and as a treasure for our community, we say, again, **‘thank you!’** May all of our renewed commitment to our parish of today remain a treasured legacy to inspire generations to come, so that, as St Paul encourages us in our second reading, we may all be united in playing our part in the mission; fighting the good fight, finishing the race, and keeping the faith.

May God bless you abundantly,
Fathers Mike and Andrew, Deacon Colin, the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Team.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Today: 30th Sunday of the Year, p.155
Next week: ALL SAINTS DAY, p.194

REST IN PEACE
We pray for the repose of the soul of Tony & Eileen Durham, and for 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 Simon (5AD-65AD) & Saint Jude (10AD-65AD),
Apostles - Feast Day: October 28th, Feast
“All glory to him, who alone is God, our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord. (St Jude)”

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CATECHESIS CORNER

'We are both chosen and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to meet all the challenges that life presents us with and to use our gifts and talents for the building of God's kingdom,' (Fr Eddie McGhee) is one of my favourite descriptions of the place and effect of Confirmation for our Christian journey. In this we can see that the sacrament of confirmation 'focuses on the giftedness of those who have been baptised' – it completes baptism (Youth Catechism 203) - in which confirmation candidates receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Can you name these seven gifts? *Answers are at the end of this text.* Remember, God gives us 'freedom', especially the freedom to choose. In the Catechism (1743) it states 'God willed that man should be left in the hands of his own counsel, so that he might of his own accord seek his creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him.' Here we can understand how we are given the 'freedom to act or not to act' and that 'freedom attains perfection in its acts when directed towards God' (CCC 1744), but it also draws us to a great truth that 'for freedom Christ has set us free' (CCC 1748). So, 'anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Spirit [through confirmation] receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed' (Youth Catechism 203). If you are an adult and have not been confirmed, I encourage you to consider preparing for this sacrament, both in your freedom to choose, the freedom that God gives us, and in our confession that 'Yes, I believe in you, my God; give me your Holy Spirit' (Youth Catechism 205). *The 7 Gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Courage, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.*

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- **The Solemnity of the Feast of All Saints.** The Feast has been transferred to Sunday 2nd November and Masses will be the usual Sunday Masses. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

- **The Commemoration of Holy Souls** will now be celebrated on **Monday November 3rd** at 9.30am.

- **November Lists** – are available at the back of Church, please fill in and give to one of the Clergy or post through the presbytery letterbox.

- **Remembrance Sunday – 9th November** – The parade will take place at 2.45pm with a short service and placing of wreaths by local dignitaries at 3pm. Refreshments in our parish Hall afterwards. Help required.

- **Blessing of Graves** - Fr Mike, Fr Andrew and Deacon Colin will be available on **Sunday 16th November** to pray over and bless the graves of parishioners buried in local cemeteries. If you would like to have the grave of a loved one blessed, just turn up and wait at your loved one's grave for one of the Priests/Deacon.

*Hatton Cemetery – 1.00pm;
Bedfont Cemetery – 1.30pm;
Feltham Cemetery – 2.15pm*

*Hanworth Crematorium – 1.00pm (for those whose loved ones' ashes are buried there);
Borough Cemetery (Powder Mill Lane) – 1.45pm and
Hounslow Cemetery – 2.15pm.*

- **Special Mass for the recently bereaved** – On **Tuesday 25th November** at the **7pm** we shall be celebrating a special Mass to pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners, who have died over the past year and to pray for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

First Holy Communion 2026 (for children) – The next class will be on Saturday 8th November at 9.30am.

The Walk with Jesus (for children in non Catholic Schools) - The next session is on **Sunday 9th November** after the 9.30am Mass.

Youth Confirmation 2026 – The "Getting to Know You" meetings for Parents and Candidates will now take place on **Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November, 4.30pm-6pm.** To sign up please see Cathy after all Sunday Masses (this includes Saturday 6pm) both this week and next week.

RCIA & Adult Confirmations - The applications are now closed. The next session is on Tuesday 28th October 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Infant Baptism - The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Thursday 13th November 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 next course is on 17th January, 2026. Please contact Florie in the Parish Office by email to book a place (details overleaf).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026 – Please note that the bookings for Masses in 2026 will only open in December. Kindly do not call at the door, email or phone to ask to reserve a Mass. Check the newsletter in late November for dates when bookings will open.

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) FOR RECEPTION - Fr Mike will see parents/guardians on Tuesday 25th November and Friday 5th December 1-4pm and Tuesday 13th January 2-5pm.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS – We will be hosting the refreshments after the Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November. If anyone can help with donating of cakes/biscuits that would be very much appreciated. Please contact Florie or Cathy if you are able to help set up from 1.30pm then clear up from 5pm.

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY – When possible, the Rosary will be recited Monday to Friday after the 9.30am Mass.

CONTINUOUS ROSARY – FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER – The Malayalam community invite you all to join them in praying the Rosary of a 1000 Marys' (in English) from 11am-4pm for peace, well-being, engage children in holy activities in Church.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 25th November – Mass for Bereaved Families
Sunday 30th November – Parish Christmas Market
Monday 8th December – Carol Service of Remembrance (Lodge Brothers)
Sunday 14th December – Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

DEACON ROLLY LEON - Due to family commitments Deacon Rolly is not available for parish ministry at present. We look forward to his return.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY 18-19 October 2025

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CAFOD: £51.00

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