

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Year C

8th-9th November 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 8 9.30am 6pm	For those in our Book of Remembrance Camilo Barreto	RIP RIP (A)
Sun 9 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Joaquina Deodita Dias Souls of Doherty/O'Brien Families REQUIEM – The War Dead Daire O'Gallachoir	RIP (1 st A) RIP RIP RIP (4 th A)
Mon 10 9.30am	Souls of the Wijeyakumar Family	RIP
Tue 11 9.30am 7pm	Souls of Ofiajiaku/Ojideh Families For those in our Book of Remem.	RIP RIP
Wed 12 9.30am	Althea Adams (Birthday)	T ^r GIVING
Thur 13 9.30am	Swizel Rodrigues	T ^r GIVING
Fri 14 9.30am 7pm	Souls of Cota-Cruz Families Valencia Saldanha (Birthday)	RIP T ^r GIVING
Sat 15 9.30am 6pm	Delcy Pinto Souls of the Rodrigues/Vaz Families	RIP (1 st A) RIP
Sun 16 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Ana Maria Fernandes Emita Pereira (Birthday Remem.) For those in our Book of Remem. Melchor Valencia Paguyo	RIP (1 st A) RIP RIP T ^r GIVING
Sanctuary Lamp is lit the souls of Gabriel Danladi & Mama Forson		
OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY		
Confessions and Adoration: Saturdays 10.15am-11.15am		
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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		
Filipino Mass: 4th Saturday 2.30pm		
Nigerian Mass: 4th Sunday 2.30pm		

The Lateran Basilica sits around 8.5 kilometres South-East of St Peters Basilica, in Rome, and it is the official Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, now Pope Leo XIV. Its official dedication is The Papal Archbasilica of St John Lateran.

As in all Cathedrals, the seat of the bishop of that particular Cathedral is known as a ‘cathedra’, which signifies the role and authority of the bishop as spiritual leader, teacher, pastor and father to his diocese. As the materials for the Lateran Basilica underline, and particular to the Pope in this case, ‘from the *cathedra*, the Pontiff who is seated there does not teach himself; he does not state his own opinions, but rather the Word of God, whom he serves so that it may shine before all.’ This is what our Bishop, Cardinal Vincent does, for whom we pray in a special way, as he celebrates his 80th Birthday this weekend.

For us, here in the Diocese of Westminster, the *cathedra* of our Cathedral is modelled on the *cathedra* in the Lateran Basilica, Rome, which the then Archbishop of Westminster (Cardinal Vaughan) and the architect (John Francis Bentley) chose specifically as a means of expressing a continuity with early tradition, a communion with Rome. It is this communion with ‘Mother Church’ which strengthens the call for us in Westminster – for us here in St Lawrence, Feltham - to be a ‘living’ missionary Church, a home to all, built on the solid foundations of the Sacraments and the Word of God. As our Psalmist beautifully sums up for us, *‘I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever.’*

Have a blessed week
Fr Mike

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

Florie is away 30th October to 16th November inclusive. Cathy will assist when she can, please be patient with us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Today: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, p.202
Next week: 33rd Sunday of the Year, p.164

REST IN PEACE
We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Leo the Great, (400-461), Pope and Doctor
Feast Day: November 10th, Memorial
“The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope”

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CATECHESIS CORNER

The ordinary minister of confirmation is reserved to the Bishop in the Latin Rite - the Rite we follow - mindful that the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles. However, in certain situations, like the Easter Vigil or as many parishes experienced during the COVID pandemic, the Bishops can grant to priests the necessary permissions to celebrate confirmations. As the Catechism tells us, the administration of confirmation is ordinarily undertaken by the bishop, which *'demonstrates clearly that its effect is to unite those who receive it more closely to the Church, to her apostolic origins and to her mission of bearing witness to Christ'* (CCC 1313). Often the Bishop will ask a person why they have chosen their particular confirmation name (*I wonder why you chose your confirmation name?*), after which he lays his hands on their head, calling down the Holy Spirit, then anoints the person on the forehead with sacred Chrism (a sweet smelling balsam), saying the words *'be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'* - linked to the gifts of the Holy Spirit we mentioned last week (CCC 1320). They conclude by offering each other a sign of peace.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 (FOR CHILDREN) The next class will be on **Saturday 15th November** at 9.30am.

THE WALK WITH JESUS (FOR CHILDREN IN NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS) After today, the next session is **Sunday 23rd November** after the 9.30am Mass.

INFANT BAPTISM The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Thursday **13th November** at 6.30pm in Church. Please book a space via the Parish office

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. More details on the Church notice board.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November Lists are available at the back of Church to pray for your deceased loved ones. Please complete them and post them through the presbytery letterbox, with any offering you wish to make.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November The parade will take place today from 2.45pm at the Feltham Cenotaph. Refreshments in our parish Hall will be served afterwards.

Blessing of Graves Fr Mike, Fr Andrew and Deacon Colin will be available on **Sunday 16th November** to 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. A schedule is available on the Church porch notice board of times for other cemeteries in the Hounslow Borough. Our schedule is:

Hatton Cemetery – 1.00pm

Bedfont Cemetery – 1.30pm

Feltham Cemetery – 2.15pm

Hanworth Crematorium – 1.00pm

Borough Cemetery (Powder Mill Lane) – 1.45pm

Hounslow Cemetery – 2.15pm.

Annual Bereavement Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 25th November at the 7pm** as we pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners who have died over the past year, and for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) I am delighted to announce that the newly formed St Lawrence Parish Pastoral Council, chaired by our parishioner Kieran Baker, has begun its work in assisting and developing the pastoral care for our parish. Their work will include outreach initiatives, as well as the (very important!) parish social calendar, as we come together to strengthen the foundations of our pastoral ministry at St Lawrence. Please do keep the team in your prayers and with your support, and we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours in due course, beginning with come Christmas events.

CHRISTMAS MARKET The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are hoping to host a parish Christmas Market on the afternoon of Sunday 30th November, between 12noon and 4pm. If you would like to own a stall at the Christmas Market, please contact **Delaney Gracias** on delaney_2000@yahoo.com **before the 16th November**, to discuss the opportunities. **HURRY stalls are limited to first come, first secured!** If you would like to volunteer to set up, serve and clear away at this event, please also contact **Delaney** as soon as possible. Parishioners please out this date in your diary and come for some festive cheer, including face painting for the children, mulled wine for the adults, and opportunities to buy your Christmas presents too!

SENIOR CITIZENS 'GOLDEN YEARS CHRISTMAS PARTY'

Again, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are resurrecting the St Lawrence 'Golden Years Christmas Party,' for parishioners who are 65 years and over. A Christmas lunch and party will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday 14th December, 1pm – 4pm, with great music, wonderful food (possibly a glass of wine or two), bingo, and many other things. Tickets are free, but are limited to a maximum of 60 guests. If you would like to attend, please contact **Kieran Baker** on felthamppc@rcdow.org.uk to secure your tickets. **Please note you will need to have your own transport to and from the party.** If anyone would like to volunteer to help this event in terms of 'setting up' and 'clearing away' teams, serving teams, cooking teams etc., please contact **Kieran** as soon as possible.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND Our second collection next weekend will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Last year, the Diocese provided care to **73** retired or sick priests. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making accommodation accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.

CHRISTMAS PLANNING MEETING A meeting for those engaged with parish Christmas ministries – stewards, music leaders, flower arrangers, EMHCs, readers, adult Altar Servers etc. – will be held at 1pm-2.30pm on Saturday 22nd November, in the Parish Centre.

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.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL CAR PARK Despite many appeals for the car park to be used by our elderly and disabled parishioners only, as well as parking in designated bays only - not blocking in cars - we have seen no change to practices. For Health & Safety reasons, new measures must be implemented to overcome these parking challenges. If anyone can offer their time each Saturday evening or Sunday morning, for a particular Mass, to be a Car Park Steward, please send Father Mike an email on michaeltmaguire@rcdow.org.uk More information to follow.

POPE LEO ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) please see the parish website for a recent reflection from Pope Leo regarding AI and how 'AI must reflect the design of God the Creator.'

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Figures available in a couple of weeks

HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: **WRCDT 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.