



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year A

31st January/1st February 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 31 9.30am 6pm	Johnny Carroll Martin Gerard Ward	RIP RIP
Sun 1 Feb 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Neysa Faria Bethany & Camaron Fernandes Diogo Inacio Pereira Efrofinia Plotnikova	T'GIVING T'GIVING RIP RIP
Mon 2 9.30am	Eugene Duggan	RIP (A)
Tue 3 9.30am 7pm	Vincent Gutierrez - 21st B'day Domingos & Maria (Wedding Ann)	T'GIVING T'GIVING
Wed 4 9.30am	Lauretta Awele Ani	RIP
Thur 5 9.30am	Lawrence Furtado	RIP
Fri 6 9.30am 7pm	Rose-Marie & Keith Calmiano Velit & Alisha D'Costa	INT T'GIVING
Sat 7 9.30am 6pm	Edward Stokes Magdalena Nogollos	RIP (A) RIP
Sun 8 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Davin Dias Luvia D'Souza (Birthday) Tony & Jill Smith People of the Parish	T'GIVING T'GIVING RIP INT

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the souls of all Deceased Parishioners RIP

OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

Confessions and Adoration: Saturday 10.15am-11.15am

Confessions: Saturday 4pm-5pm

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am

Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am; St Anthony Devotion: Tues 10am

Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am

Sacred Heart Devotion: First Friday 10am

Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3rd & 4th Saturday 7pm

Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1pm

Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sun 2.30pm

Filipino Mass: 4th Sat 2.30pm

Nigerian Mass: 4th Sun 2.30pm

When Jesus first said those words of the Beatitudes in our gospel reading today (Matthew 5:1-12a), the people who first heard Him must have been as bewildered as many of us now. Jesus referred to those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst, those who are persecuted as "Happy". However, as we know, these categories of people cannot be deemed joyful by world standards. Jesus reversed the prevailing beliefs and attitudes in our society and wants us his disciples to imbibe traits and qualities that completely contradict traditional standards and ideals of happiness in the world.

Jesus teaches that "true happiness" or "blessedness", consists in sharing the very life of God, seeking God and becoming what St Peter called "partakers in the divine nature" (2 Pet 1:4). This is the glorious end that we are called to, and it is in as much as we possess this that we possess happiness in this life, and in its fullness in the life to come. The beatitudes tell us who God intends to bless: the poor, the lowly, the hungry, and the persecuted, and that God is always thinking about the least and the last among us.

Have a blessed week,

Fr Andrew

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Cottis, Winnie Lawrence, Lauretta Awele Ani and Jeanette Hocking (Kiki), who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace. Kiki's funeral will take place here on Friday 20th February at 12.30pm.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

Today: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 130

Weekdays: Fourth week in Ordinary Time Year II

 Morning Prayer Week 4

Next week: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time p.133

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Agatha (231-251)

Memorial - 5th February

"I am Your sheep. Make me worthy to overcome the devil."

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CATECHESIS CORNER

The Catechism underlines that the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (CCC 1324). Whenever I think of summit, my memory transports me to the many hills and mountains I have ascended throughout my life, especially the ones I have struggled to climb. Here, I am reminded that we need encouragement, accompaniment and help when we struggle to climb to a summit, both as the one to give that help and receive it, when necessary. This, again, underscores the need to live in communion with each other, to help each other on the pilgrim way. The Eucharist, then, is '...that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being' (CCC 1325). At the Last Supper, Jesus broke bread and shared the chalice 'in communion' with those gathered, and 'because Jesus used this rite, part of the Jewish meal, when as master of the table he blessed and distributed the bread...It is by this action that his disciples will recognise him after the Resurrection, and it is this expression that the first Christians will use to designate their Eucharistic assemblies, but doing so they signify that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in him' (CCC 1329). Here we see the importance of the rites we use at Mass and in other liturgies, given to us by Holy Mother Church, and our participation in them, together. But also, it highlights the need to stand with each other, shoulder to shoulder, and help each other climb the summit of the pilgrim way. If two yoked oxen, although linked together, walk out of step with each other, the work is heavier, their unity risks being broken. Thus, as we pray in Eucharistic Prayer 3, 'grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.'

CARDINAL VINCENT'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING - This will take place on **Thursday 5th February, 5.30pm**, at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria, and will be an opportunity to celebrate the ministry of Cardinal Vincent as Archbishop of Westminster, praying for him as he enters retirement. This is not a ticketed event and I encourage as many of you as possible to attend this wonderful Mass of Thanksgiving.

CONFESIONS 14th FEBRUARY - Due to the timing of the Installation Mass for Archbishop-Elect Richard, regrettably, we will need to cancel confessions this day. However, there will be an hour for confession transferred to **Friday 13th February at 5.30pm**. Thank you for your understanding.

ALMS -APPRECIATE AND LEARN MUSIC THROUGH SINGING - We are delighted with the initial response to the new singing group. We studied breathing techniques and fun vocal warm-ups leading to extended learning of the musical 'Godspell' and some stand alone great songs. -The group worked beautifully together on harmonising and listening to each other and the concert that we performed to friends and family in December was very well received.

We would like to expand the group and there are spaces available if you wish to join. Adults only, no audition and all are welcome. The next project will be a concert version of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd-Webber. The group meets on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Centre. The next Meeting is on Monday 2nd February.

SCHOOL CAR PARK AND ACCESS ROUTES - Regrettably, we are unable to use the school car park at the moment for our weekend parish Masses. We will keep you updated going forward and we apologise for the inconvenience caused.

FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART DEVOTION AND ADORATION - From February to May there will be **no** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the Novena to the Sacred Heart.

CATECHISTS WANTED!! Do you have a passion to teach and hand-on the faith, to accompany those seeking a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus, those seeking the sacraments? If so, we are looking to grow our parish catechist team for our sacramental programmes. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer catechist, for either First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism Preparation, Marriage Preparation, Walk With Jesus (Sunday School), please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Cathy Early, at felthamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk, for more details. Volunteer catechists must be at least 18 years old to apply. Have courage! Do not be afraid to put yourself forward in serving the Lord and the parish this way.

LOURDES MASS - On **Saturday 7th of February 2026** the Annual Mass for the Sick will be held at the Cathedral at 2pm, celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Those who have requested tickets please collect them from the Parish Office.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026, FROM HEATHROW - If you would like to go to Lourdes this year on the diocesan pilgrimage, with our new Archbishop, please give your details to the parish office ASAP. **The dates are 17th – 24th July**. This year, our parish has been offered return flights from Heathrow, which is so convenient for us, staying full board in the 4-star Padoue Hotel, minutes from the Grotto, including coach transfers from Toulouse Airport (our arrival airport) to Lourdes and travel insurance and pilgrimage levy. The costs will be £1,216 per person, based on two sharing. Single rooms are also available at a supplement. We will also undertake some fundraising in the coming months to reduce the prices. Please do not delay – register your interest today!

There will be a meeting on **Sunday 15th February** at 12.15pm in the Parish Centre for all those who have expressed interest in going to Lourdes.

LENT PASSION PLAY- SAVE THE DATE - To help us step into Holy Week, RISE Theatre – a Christian Theatre Company – will be performing a Lent Passion Play here at St Lawrence on **Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm** (doors will open at 7.00pm). This will be a seated performance, with no standing availability in the church. It is a free event (donations are welcome), and entry will be via a first come, first served basis. Further details will be provided in due course.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

DEACON ROLLY LEON - It is wonderful that Deacon Rolly will be back with us next weekend after his time off.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

17th-18th January: Loose: £1,165.60 Envelopes: £203.00
Total: £1,368.60

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