



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Of the Word of God) - Year A

24th/25th January 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 24 9.30am 6pm	Sylvia D'Mello Rita Duggan	RIP (A) RIP (A)
Sun 25 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Margaret & Sean Keaveney Romulus & Welcy (W/A) Abigail Castanha (Birthday) People of the Parish	RIP (A) T'GIVING) T'GIVING INT
Mon 26 9.30am	Marianina Rubina Fernandes	RIP
Tue 27 9.30am 7pm	Lawrence D'Souza Helen Abiegbe	RIP (6th A) T'GIVING
Wed 28 9.30am	Guilhermina Gonsalves (Birthday)	T'GIVING
Thur 29 9.30am	Jeanette (Kiki) Hocking	RIP
Fri 30 9.30am 7pm	Michael McGillicuddy People of the Parish	RIP (1st A) INT
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

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the soul of Kurt Kosin 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 & Adoration: First Friday (10am-3pm)

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

Most of us do not spend our days performing extraordinary acts of faith. Our lives instead are filled with ordinary moments: going to work, caring for the family, dealing with routine tasks and daily responsibilities. Yet it is precisely here that God can call us to holiness. As St Peter reminds us, "he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct" (1 Peter 1:15).

St Josemaría Escrivá teaches us that "Our ordinary activities are not an insignificant matter. Rather they are the very hinge on which our sanctity turns and they offer us constant opportunities of meeting God" (St. Josemaría Escrivá). Our work, our jobs do not turn us away from achieving holiness but are the very place where it can grow. These ordinary duties become opportunities to meet God, to glorify Him and to allow Christ to work through us.

The key is love. When our work is done not merely to succeed or to be noticed but as an offering to God, it becomes an encounter with Christ. We must imitate Christ's own love and service in our lives, by being patient with others, aiding our colleagues, a simple smile and 'how are you?'.

In this way, we present Christ to the world not only through Scripture but through our actions, a quiet witness of lives lived faithfully each day. Holiness, is closer than we think, waiting for us in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Have a blessed week,
Ashley

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Winnie Lawrence, Lauretta Awele Ani, Maliki Sharma 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: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 127

Weekdays: Third week in Ordinary Time Year II

 Morning Prayer Week 3

Next week: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time p.130

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Dr of the Church 1225-1274

 Memorial - 28 January

 "It is only God who creates. Man merely rearranges."

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CATECHESIS CORNER

The reception of Holy Communion in the Catholic Church is built upon the principles of being prepared to receive, this includes the work of God's grace and freedom from grave sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1385) states "to respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment". We shall be focussing on behaviours that Catholics ought to exhibit when approaching a Priest, Deacon or Extra Ordinary Minister to partake in Holy Communion during Mass.

1. For those who receive Holy Communion on the hand, you are asked to place one hand over the other in the shape of a cross. Again, we do not take from the Extra Ordinary Minister; instead, we wait for them to place in our hand. We should also be aware that our hands should be clear to receive and should not be holding a handkerchief, keys, or anything else. Once in our hand, we are to consume reverently and then return to our seat. We are not allowed to return to our seat with the body of Christ or even take home as this will be a sacrilege.

2. 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 we receive from the priest or the Extra Ordinary Minister. Avoiding an Extra Ordinary Minister during Holy Communion is disrespectful to their person and above all disrespectful to Jesus.

ARCHBISHOP-ELECT RICHARD'S INSTALLATION - Parishes have been invited to make an application for two events that will mark the installation of our new Archbishop. The first is to Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Friday 13th February at 5.30pm and the second is to the Installation Mass itself on **Saturday 14th February at 12noon**, both events at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria. Parishes can apply for two tickets for Vespers and one ticket for the Installation Mass. The deadline for applications is this Monday, 26th February, so, if you are interested, please speak with Father Mike ASAP. These are ticketed events only.

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.

NEW PIANO - Due to the immense generosity of a donor, we will receive this coming week a new piano for our parish. The beautiful expression that this instrument will create for our liturgies will be fantastic and, so, I extend our huge thanks to the donor for this wonderful and extremely generous gift.

THE SPLENDOUR OF CARING by Sr Kathleen Murphy - If you have not yet collected your copy of this book please see Florie in the Parish Office.

COFFEE MORNING - Thank you for your support. A grand total of £319 was raised at the Confirmation Coffee morning for the Youth Fund.

FRIEND'S CIRCLE - next meeting **Monday 25 January at 12.30pm** in the presbytery.

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. Entry is by ticket system in the categories below.

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

Please contact the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you would like to attend and what category so that we can book the appropriate tickets.

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!

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.

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.

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
December: Standing Orders: £7,507.50;
Contactless & Online: £4,723.35

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