



**First Sunday of Lent - Yr A**

**21st/22nd February 2026**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat 21</b> 9.30am 6pm	Deceased Rodrigues Family Francisco & Anastacia De Araujo	RIP RIP
<b>Sun 22</b> 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Monica Lily Furtado (2nd B'day) James & Renosca Fernandes Jeanette (Kiki) Hocking People of the Parish	T'GIVING T'GIVING RIP INT
<b>Mon 23</b> 9.30am	Aidan, Cordula, Mariso, Emmanuel & John Hatumwi	RIP
<b>Tue 24</b> 9.30am 7pm	Janet Danladi Snowin Aric (B'day)	T'GIVING T'GIVING
<b>Wed 25</b> 9.30am	Fernandes Family	SP. INT
<b>Thur 26</b> 9.30am	Laiju & Princy (20th Wed. Ann)	T'GIVING
<b>Fri 27</b> 9.30am 7pm	Special Intention Guillaume & Stephanie	INT SP. INT
<b>Sat 28</b> 9.30am 6pm	Melissa Pereira (B'day) Jerry & Evangeleena Dias	T'GIVING T'GIVING
<b>Sun 29</b> 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Wilfred Bansale Mathew Fernandes People of the Parish	RIP RIP (A) RIP INT

**Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of Michelle Fernandes**

**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: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

As we enter the holy season of Lent, the Church invites each of us to journey into the desert with Christ, just as He did before beginning His public ministry. In this season, we are asked to give up something challenging. Like New Year's resolutions, Lenten promises can sometimes fade as the weeks go by.

Lent is not a time of self-improvement like New Year's resolutions; it's not a time to begin new hobbies or focus on career goals. Instead, it is a time to enter a deeper relationship with God. Through fasting, prayer and charity, we allow God's will to become our own, helping us to "acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart" (CCC 2043). Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, our acts of self-denial and giving prepare us to enter the mystery of the Triduum, an encounter with Christ on the Cross.

Let us all enter the desert this Lent with trust, knowing that while we give something up, God gives us His Son as Redeemer and Saviour.

Have a blessed week

**Ashley**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)**

**Today:** First Sunday of Lent p. 151

Morning Prayer Week 1

**Next week:** Second Sunday of Lent p.155

**REST IN PEACE**

We pray for the repose of the souls of Esther Doris Rozario, Ann Cottis and Winnie Lawrence, who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace. Funeral details can be found on the noticeboard.

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

**Mon, Wed, Thur: 10.00am-12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm**  
*Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed*

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

Saint Gregory of Narek, 950-1003  
 Memorial: 27 February Father & Doctor of the Church  
*"In the face of my darkness, You are light.  
 In the face of my mortality, You are life."*

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## CATECHESIS CORNER

As we enter the holy season of Lent, our gaze is fixed on the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the joy of Easter Sunday. The Triduum begins with Maundy Thursday—also known as the Thursday of the Lord's Supper—continues through Good Friday, and reaches its summit in Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord. In these sacred days, 'the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen' (Roman Missal, p. 329). On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the Last Supper, when Jesus freely offered Himself in love. Sharing a meal with His friends, the Twelve Apostles, on the night before He was betrayed, He anticipated the sacrifice of His life. As the Church teaches, Jesus transformed this Last Supper with the Apostles into the memorial of his voluntary offering to the Father for our salvation. Thus, at every Mass we hear His words: 'This is my body which is given for you; This is the chalice of my blood... which will be poured out for you' (CCC 610). With our hearts set on the Sacred Triduum, we journey through Lent as pilgrims of hope. We hold fast to the gift of the Lord's Supper, which 'anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem' (CCC 1329)—the eternal banquet to which we are all lovingly invited and called to participate fully.

**AREA MASS CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH** You are all welcome to attend Mass on **Thursday 26th February, 6.30pm, at Ealing Abbey**. This Mass is an opportunity for our new Archbishop Richard to meet the parishioners and clergy of the western part of the diocese, to which we belong, as he begins his ministry amongst us. Please do spread the word and come and meet our new Archbishop.

**PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGED 18-35)** St Lawrence parish is launching a brand-new Young Adults Group for those aged 18–35 who want to live their Christian faith more fully and intentionally. In a fast-paced world that often pushes Christ to the margins, this group offers a space to slow down, reflect and support one another in putting Christ at the centre of daily life. Meeting weekly, the group will include a monthly catechesis on Fridays at 7 pm, presenting the Gospel in a fresh new way. On other weeks, we will gather for 7pm Mass on Fridays, followed by an informal discussion at Wetherspoons, where we will talk honestly about our lives, faith and how we can live more faithfully for God. As Pope Leo XIV reminds us: "Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less." This group is an opportunity to build genuine community, share challenges and encourage one another because none of us is meant to journey alone. All young adults are warmly welcome, starting 6th March 2026, 7pm, in the Parish Centre.

**ALMS -APPRECIATE AND LEARN MUSIC THROUGH SINGING** - We are delighted with the initial response to the new singing group. The group meets on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Centre, £5.00 per person per session. The next Meeting is on Monday, 23rd February.

**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).

## LENT AT ST LAWRENCE'S

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - Every weekday morning from 8.15am-9.00am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Every Friday after the 9.30am Mass and after the 7pm Mass.

**SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUP** - Every Monday during Lent, starting from 23rd February there will be a small faith-sharing group in the Presbytery after the 9.30am Mass. If you would like to be a part of this group please let Florie know. It will last 45minutes to an hour. We will be following a Diocesan Lenten resource "We Dare to Ask". This will be led by a member of the Pastoral Team.

**CAFOD FAST DAY - FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY** - Collection 28 February/1st March. Miriam McEaney will give a short talk on the Fast Day Appeal after every Mass this weekend. The theme this year is "*Love your neighbour as yourself.*" Please take an envelope and return with your donation.

**CAFOD – BIG LENT WALK** - The walks will take place on the following Wednesdays in Lent at 10.30am: *25th February Hatton Cemetery; 4th March Powder Mill Lane Cemetery; 11th March Feltham Cemetery; 18th March Hounslow Cemetery; 25th March Bedfont Cemetery and 1st April Hanworth Crematorium.*

We will start with a short prayer by the grotto then walk to the cemetery, say the rosary and walk back finishing with a prayer at the grotto. This will be followed by a simple soup lunch in the Parish Centre. If you are planning on walking please let Florie know.

**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.

**DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL 2026** - "*Because we are formed in faith, we are sent in love*". The annual appeal supports one shared mission: helping people encounter Christ and live that faith in love and service, through Education, Youth & Evangelisation, Marriage and Family Life and Social action. The Appeal is open throughout Lent.

**FLOWERS - PLEASE DO NOT** bring flowers to decorate the altar or any of the statues in Church during Lent.

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 FUNDRAISING

- **Saturday 14th March 7pm - Race Night**  
- **2 Coffee Mornings - dates to be published shortly**

**The pilgrimage dates are 17th – 24th July.** The costs will be £1,216 per person, based on two sharing, including coach transfers from Toulouse Airport (our arrival airport) to Lourdes and travel insurance and pilgrimage levy. Please do not delay – register your interest today!

**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.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

14th-15th February: Loose - £1,230.78 Envelopes - £198.00  
Total: £1,428.78

**HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRCDT FELTHAM**  
**Account Number: 71095528 Sort Code: 40-05-20**

*Please add your Surname, First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper, and indicate if it is for a Donation, Baptism, Mass, etc.*