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Third Sunday of Lent - Yr A

7th/8th March 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 7		
9.30am	Aquino Pereira (Birthday)	T'GIVING
6pm	Davina & Richie	T'GIVING
Sun 8		
8am	Bridget & William Burke	RIP
9.30am	Zephan Fernandes (8th B'day)	T'GIVING
11am	Brian Beagan	RIP (4th A)
7pm	Paddy Byrne	RIP
Mon 9		
9.30am	Jothi Pragasam	RIP (A)
Tue 10		
9.30am	Raymond Crosby Lobo	RIP
7pm	Valario & Aldrina Rodrigues	T'GIVING
Wed 11		
9.30am	Mary Murray	RIP
Thur 12		
9.30am	John Carroll	RIP
11.00am	FUNERAL MASS - ESTHER DORIS ROZARIO	RIP
Fri 13		
9.30am	Sr Monica Costello	RIP
7pm	Bartholomew Fernandes	RIP
Sat 14		
9.30am	Jesus-Maria Mba Sima & Angela Loseba Bitorosa	RIP
6pm	Power Family	INT
Sun 15		
8am	People of the Parish	INT
9.30am	Piedade Da Cunha	RIP
11am	Pascoal & Catarina Pereira	RIP
7pm	Mariana-Lucia Mba Loseba	RIP

Santuary Lamp is lit in Thanksgiving - John D'Souza

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

What do we truly thirst for? When do we begin to grumble? Who do we actually notice standing in front of us each day? These questions arise from our first reading, but they all lead to one deeper question: "Is the Lord among us or not?" That is the real issue. Because how we answer it shapes how we live. So, as an example, when a child cries at Mass and interrupts our prayer, what do we notice? A disturbance — or the Lord present in a young family doing their best? Do we grumble and sigh in frustration, or do we smile, pray for them, perhaps even offer a quiet word of encouragement? If the Lord is truly among us, then He is there in that moment, in that family, in that perceived interruption. The Second Reading reminds us that God's love has already been poured into our hearts and it's this which helps us to think, notice and respond differently. The living water is not distant. It flows within us and can be transformative for others when we ourselves drink deeply. Lent is an invitation to let that living water transform our inner reactions—our thoughts, our tone, our instincts—so as to strengthen our outward actions and service. This helps us move from irritation to compassion; from grumbling to gratitude; from self-focus to love. So, let our prayer be simple and sincere, like the Samaritan woman's: "Lord, give me this water."

Have a blessed week

Fr Mike

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

Today: Third Sunday of Lent p.159
Morning Prayer Week 3
Next week: Fourth Sunday of Lent p.164

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the respose of the souls of Esther Doris Rozario, Joan Mary Collins and Annie Philomena Kinsella (known as Phyllis), 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

St Frances of Rome 1384-1440
Patroness of Benedictine Oblates
Memorial: March 9
"Humility is the foundation of all virtues."

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CATECHESIS CORNER

Among the three pillars of Lent—prayer, almsgiving and fasting, almsgiving is arguably the most overlooked. Highlighting the importance of almsgiving in Christian life, Jesus said: "when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do …… But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Mt 6:2-3). Jesus did not say 'IF' you give alms, but 'WHEN'. Like fasting and prayer, almsgiving is non-negotiable. Unfortunately, greed has been one of the reasons why some people have more than they need while others suffer in extreme poverty. It is also important to note that everyone exhibits some level of greed, but the proportion varies, with some persons having higher levels. During Lent, the church encourages us to be more charitable to those in need with our material goods than we have at any other time of the year. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The goods of creation are destined for the entire human race" (n. 2452). The truth is material goods cannot reach everyone unless we put them there— and that requires effort. As with prayer and fasting, so with almsgiving, we will find it easier to do IF we have a plan.

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGED 18-35) St Lawrence parish has launched 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 gather for 7pm Mass on Fridays, followed by an informal gathering in the Parish centre, where we can 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.

COFFEE MORNING - The Confirmation Group are hosting a Coffee/Tea & cake morning after the 9.30am and 11am Masses in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 15th March**. The proceeds will go towards Youth Fund. Please come along and support them and treat your wife, mother or nan on Mother's Day.

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).

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 FUNDRAISING
- Race Night - Change of date, new date Saturday, 9th May 2026. Apologies for this late change.
- 2 Coffee Mornings - dates to be published shortly

The pilgrimage dates are 17th – 24th July. The cost 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! If you need help with your booking please contact Florie.

FRIENDS CIRCLE - Meet on **Monday 9th March** in the Presbytery at 12.30pm.

MASS FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - celebrated by Fr Peter Shekelton on **Saturday 18 April at 11am** at St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church, 41 Langdale Gardens, Perivale UB6 8DQ. This special celebration is open to all, and especially welcomes those with intellectual disability, together with their families, friends, and carers. See poster in porch.

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, there will be a small faith-sharing group in the Presbytery after the 9.30am Mass. It lasts 45minutes to an hour. We are following a Diocesan Lenten resource "We Dare to Ask", led by a member of the Pastoral Team.

CAFOD – BIG LENT WALK - The walks will take place on the following Wednesdays in Lent at 10.30am:
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.

LENT PASSION PLAY- PLEASE COME ALONG - 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.

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. Please use the envelopes provided for your donation.

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

WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED Beginning Experience Weekend 8th to 10th May 2026 at Worth Abbey. Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by trained volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings which encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For further details please contact Mary on 07730 884315 or Email: beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com

STABAT MATER CONCERT - As part of a Lenten devotion, on Wednesday 18 March at 6.45pm in Westminster Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia will perform a concert of reflection on the ancient Marian hymn, contemplating the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross: See poster in porch.The Cathedral offers an opportunity to buy tickets at a discount of 50%. Discounted tickets are available in Sections A, B and N at : https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00638BCD835BA6?did=50off Password: WCSBDO.

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 FORYOUR GENEROSITY

28th Feb/1st Mar: Loose - £1,687.59 Envelopes - £279.21
Total: £1,966.80

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Account Number: 71095528 Sort Code: 40-05-20

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