



**Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord - Yr A**

28th/29th March 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 28 9.30am 6pm	Jerome & Maria Rodrigues Chris & Jewela Rodrigues	RIP T'GIVING
Sun 29 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Fernandes & Pereira Family John Coleman Jeanette (Kiki) Hocking People of the Parish	SP. INT RIP (1st A) RIP INT
Mon 30 9.30am	Kerry Juriansz	GET WELL
Tue 31 9.30am 7pm	Benjamin D'Souza Perpetua Fernandes	RIP (3rd A) INT (2nd A)
Wed 1/4 9.30am	Noel Burke	RIP

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thur 2 8.00pm 11.45pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Altar of Repose in the Parish Centre) Night Prayer (Parish Centre)	
Fri 3 9.00am 3.00pm 7pm	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross The Passion of the Lord Parish Stations of the Cross	Confirm- ation Group
Sat 4 8pm	HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil	
Sun 5 8am 9.30am 11am	EASTER SUNDAY People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish NO EVENING MASS	INT INT INT

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the repose of the soul of Joseph Steer 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

Dear Friends,

In the Catholic Church, there is an ancient tradition that remains an option even to this day. Starting on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the crosses, statues and images are covered or veiled with plain and opaque violet cloths. The instruction from the Roman Missal states: "Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. "The crosses and images are veiled to help us practice "fasting of the eyes." There are three reasons for this. First, this is in order for us to have a clear and undistracted focus on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption. Second, to increase our longing for God, our desire to see Him. And finally, it also helps us experience the pain and sadness of losing God due to unrepented sins. Hence, the cloth used to veil the crosses and images is called "Hunger Cloth". There is some truth in the saying, "absence makes the heart grow fonder." It is our experience that many important things in life – our loved ones, sunshine, air, food and other basic utilities such as electricity and water supply – are oftentimes taken for granted, since they are always available to us. We only begin to realize their importance when they are gone. The Lord does not want us to take Him for granted. May we not wait for the time when we are deprived of the sacraments and other spiritual activities before we recognize their priceless value in our life.

Have a blessed week,
Fr Andrew

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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 Isidore of Seville (c.560-636)

Feast: April 4th, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy."

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CATECHESIS CORNER

As we enter Holy Week and draw near to Easter, our hearts are drawn into the Church's celebration of Christ's saving work—especially the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We remember that 'on the evening of that day, the first day of the week,' Jesus came to His disciples and said, 'receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld' (John 20:19, 22-23). In this moment, Christ entrusts to the Church His ministry of mercy, instituting this awesome sacrament. In this sacrament, Jesus, our Divine Physician, 'tends to each one of the sick who need him to cure them. He raises them up and reintegrates them into fraternal communion' (CCC 1484). Reconciliation is about healing and restoration—not only for the individual, but for the whole community, the living Body of the Church (CCC 1484-1487). Because our sins can affect others, we are also called to make amends: 'one must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries' (CCC 1459). Let us approach this sacrament with confidence and hope, trusting always that 'nothing will be impossible with God' (Luke 1:37)..

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGED 18-35) St Lawrence parish brand-new Young Adults Group for those aged 18-35 who want to live their Christian faith more fully and intentionally, are now on their Easter break, reconvening on Friday 17th April.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 FUNDRAISING

- Race Night - **New date Saturday, 9th May 2026.**
- 2 Coffee Mornings - dates to be published shortly

The pilgrimage dates are 17th – 24th July. Our allocated hotel is now full. Please bear with us, we are chasing the Diocese for the application forms.

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.

HOLY THURSDAY - 2nd April. If you would like to have your foot washed at the Mass of the Last Supper please speak to Florie in the Parish Office.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Yvonne Beaudouin, who has died recently. May she rest in eternal peace. Funeral details can be found on the noticeboard.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2026-27 - All those who currently use or had requested Planned Giving Envelopes, the envelopes are now ready for collection from the Parish Office. They start from the 10th of April.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED Beginning Experience Weekend 8th to 10th May 2026 at Worth Abbey. For further details please contact Mary on 07730 884315 or Email: beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2026 - Celebrations at St Andrews Church, Washington Drive, Cippenham, Slough SL1 5RE on **12 April 2026 at 2:30 pm.** The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, Mass, Talk, Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome to celebrate this glorious feast. Please call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Please take a leaflet from the porch which lists times for all services during Holy Week and Easter.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Monday to Wednesday morning from 8.15am-9.00am.

CONFESSIONS: Monday 30th March 10.30am-12.30pm with a guest Confessor. Wednesday 1st April - 5pm-6.30pm, Holy Saturday 11.30am-1.30pm.

CHRISM MASS - Westminster Cathedral, Tuesday 31st March at 12noon. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Good Friday - 9am Led by the Confirmation Candidates and 7.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - Starting on The Green by the Church at 11am on Good Friday, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish centre. If you are able to help please contact Florie.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR HOLY PLACES - this annual collection will be taken up as you leave Church.

EASTER - Please keep in your prayers those who are being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and the children that are being baptised on Easter Sunday.

EASTER ENVELOPES - Envelopes are available from the porch, should you wish to make an Easter offering. Please return the envelopes either into the collection or into the parish office. The easter offering, along with the Christmas and other offerings, largely make up the annual stipend that the priests of the parish receive to support them in the year ahead. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.

POLISH CHAPLAINCY

Good Friday – 5.30pm Liturgia Meki Panskiej,
8.30pm Adoracja Jezusa w grobie I adocja krzyza
Holy Saturday – 9.30am Swiecenie Pokarmow

(Blessing of Easter Baskets)

Easter Sunday – 1.00pm Mass (Msza sw)

Easter Monday – 1.00pm Mass (Msza sw)

PARKING IN HOLY WEEK - Please remember that parking restrictions apply in the local roads during Holy Week. Every year, a number of parishioners receive Penalty Notices whilst in church because they have parked inappropriately. There is plenty of parking at Feltham Leisure West. Please park sensibly and responsibly. Regrettably we are still unable to use the school car park. **NO PARKING ON THE GREEN.**

CAFOD LENT APPEAL – FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION AND LENTEN APPEAL – Please consider donating to either of these causes either using the donation envelopes in Church or you can contribute online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

CAFOD – BIG LENT WALK - The last walk takes place on 1st April to Hanworth Crematorium at 10.30am.

ALTAR SERVERS – All those who would like to serve at the Easter Services please attend a Training Session on Thursday 2nd April at 10am in Church.

EASTER FLOWERS - Thank you for your generosity, over £700 was collected last week.

A reminder that Good Friday is a day of Fast & Abstinence.
No meat and one meal only.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

21st/22nd Mar: Loose - £1,606.64 Envelopes - £238.06
Total: £1,844.47

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.