



**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord - Yr A**

4th/5th April 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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
Mon 6 9.30am	Alex Soares	RIP (A)
Tue 7 9.30am 7pm	John Igboanugo Junior	RIP (A)
Wed 8 9.30am	Joby C Anthony	T'GIVING
Thur 9 9.30am	Johanna Keightley	RIP
Fri 10 9.30am 7pm	Rosario & Laura Fernandes (W/A Santana Gracias	T'GIVING RIP (2A)
Sat 11 9.30am 6pm	Gillian Moyse Dominic & Monica D'Souza	RIP RIP
Sun 12 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Sonnie Hayes Sr Katherine O'Reilly Minguel Mascarenhas D'csd Hypher & Kenny Families	RIP RIP (2A) RIP RIP

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of Annie Burke

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,

Our Easter Sunday Sequence proclaims the mystery of life conquering death, echoing the empty tomb. Like the beloved disciple in our Gospel, we are invited to see and to believe, even beyond immediate understanding. The Sequence announces Christ as the Living One who has shattered the power of the grave, calling us out of fear into faith. Its vivid imagery and joyful proclamation reveal the true depth of Easter: not merely a single event, but a profound transformation.

This message speaks powerfully to a world wounded by conflict and division. As an Easter people, we are sent forth to bear witness to hope, to trust in divine mercy, and to live as signs of the Resurrection—bringing light into darkness and life into places of despair. This transformation lies at the heart of true peace. Peace is more than the absence of war; it is the presence of new life born of reconciliation and the conversion of hearts. The Risen Christ, who greets his disciples with “peace be with you,” shows us that victory is not won through violence, but through self-giving love. In Christ, hatred and death do not have the final word.

The Gospel tells us that the beloved disciple “saw and believed.” We too are called to see the wounds of our world and yet believe—trusting that, in the Risen Christ, every person can be transformed into an instrument of peace. In this way, we become participants in God’s renewing work, helping to bring about a world filled with hope, love, and joy.

To all of those who have received Easter sacraments this weekend we offer you our congratulations, love and prayers. We look forward to seeing the flourishing of your vocation, sustained by these sacraments.

A happy, blessed and peaceful Easter to you all.
 Fathers Mike and Andrew, Deacons Colin and Rolly,
 Seminarian Ashley and the Parish Team.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

Today: Easter Sunday p.251
Morning Prayer: Office of the Solemnity
Next week: Second Sunday of Easter p.255

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Stanislaus of Krakow (1030-1079)
 Feast: April 11, Bishop & Martyr

"Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart."

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CATECHESIS CORNER

You may be familiar with the term "Easter Duty" and it relates to the obligation to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. If you already have a habit of regular Confession and Communion, you can fulfil the obligation without much effort. If not, it is worthwhile to recall what the Church requires and why. When considering our sacramental duties, we should first realize that the Church proposes certain rules and requirements to help us grow in grace and get to heaven. The term "Easter Duty" stems from two related Church laws:

to receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season, unless a serious reason indicates another time as preferable (canon 920); and to receive absolution in sacramental confession for any mortal sin at least once a year (canon 989). The Catholic Church sets out specific guidelines regarding how we should prepare ourselves to receive the Lord's body and blood in Communion. First, you must be in a state of grace. "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:27–28). This is an absolute requirement that can never be dispensed. To receive the Eucharist without sanctifying grace in your soul profanes the Eucharist in the most grievous manner. A mortal sin is any sin whose matter is grave and which has been committed wilfully and with knowledge of its seriousness. Grave matter includes, but is not limited to, for instance, murder, adultery, stealing, greed, gluttony etc. Scripture contains lists of mortal sins (for example, 1 Cor. 6:9–10 and Gal. 5:19–21) and many more listed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

EASTER OFFERING 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 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.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM SEEMA MALHOTRA MP
Earlier this week we received a thoughtful and kind Easter Message from our local MP, Seema Malhotra, for which we offer our thanks. In her letter, Seema recognised the pain and suffering experienced by so many across our world, drawing also on the challenges seen within our own community, especially those young people face. Please read Seema's letter, located in the porch, as we reflect on her final words: 'As we pray for peace and joy this Easter Sunday, may kindness and humility bring out the hand of faith, family and friendship in the shared celebration of Easter.'

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

A Holy Hour has been arranged to take place at 5.30pm, Rome time - 4.30pm in the UK - on Sunday 19 April afternoon during the Spring Plenary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It is hoped that parishes across the country will arrange Holy Hours at the same time to unite in prayer with the Bishops.

At St Lawrence's we will have Holy Hour at 4.30pm. You are all invited to join and unite in prayer.

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.

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.

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.

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**

Our allocated hotel is now full, so no new bookings being accepted for the Feltham/Kingsland.

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). Last call for anyone wanting to attend this Mass.

REST IN PEACE - We pray for the repose of the souls of Faye Nogollos and Yvonne Beaudouin, who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

The Parish Office will be closed on 7th & 8th April and 13th to 15th April inclusive.

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

28th/29th Mar: Loose - £2,249.15 Envelopes - £278.85
Total: £2,528.00

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