



**Second Sunday of Easter - Yr A
Divine Mercy Sunday**

11th/12th April 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 11 9.30am	Gillian Moyse	RIP
6pm	Dominic & Monica D'Souza	RIP
Sun 12 8am	Sonnie Hayes	RIP
9.30am	Sr Katherine O'Reilly	RIP (2nd A)
11am	Minguel Mascarenhas	RIP
7pm	D'csd Hypher & Kenny Families	RIP
Mon 13 9.30am	Jozefa Hermaszewska	RIP
Tue 14 9.30am	Kiara Pinto (Birthday)	T'GIVING)
7pm	Tadeusz Z Wolanski	RIP (1st A)
Wed 15 9.30am	Daphne D'Mello	RIP (A)
Thur 16 9.30am	Basil Clarke	RIP (A)
Fri 17 9.30am	Eileen Marks	RIP (A)
7pm	Maria & Lawrence Fernandes	RIP
Sat 18 9.30am	Zelner Canny De Souza (18 B'day)	T'GIVING
6pm	Attendees - Marriage Preparation	SP. INT
Sun 19 8am	Fernandes & Pereira Families	SP. INT
9.30am	Gabriel D'Souza	RIP
11am	Malgorzata Stupak	RIP (1st A)
4.30pm	HOLY HOUR	SP. INT
7pm	People of the Parish	INT

Santuario Lamp is lit for peace in the world

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,

I must admit that I can sympathise a bit with Thomas. Certainly when it comes to miracle solutions to all our troubles, for example, promises from populist politicians or a labour saving device advertised on TV, I am the person who questions everything and believes nothing. Perhaps that is because inside my mind all I see is a policy or a product that is going to make someone else a lot of money and in reality will make no difference to my life at all.

Earlier in John's gospel, just before the farewell discourse, we hear Thomas ask Jesus, how can we know the way as he doesn't know where Jesus is going!! It seems to me that at this point he was already doubting, and Jesus hadn't yet died. It isn't really surprising, that he then didn't believe when he was told that Jesus had been resurrected. But perhaps what is surprising is that when Thomas was invited by Jesus to place his hands into Jesus' wounds, he didn't then accept the offer. Instead he responded verbally by saying "My Lord and God". In a mere moment in time Thomas had learnt that sight and touch were not necessary for faith.

I don't suppose for a moment that Thomas was the only disciple who doubted Jesus' resurrection. To be honest, I am quite happy to admit that there have been times in my life when I have doubted, and I'm sure the same is true for many of you. It's not possible to exaggerate the value of faith, or an increasingly deeper faith, and therefore the challenge is for us to discern what we have faith in.

With all the current conflicts on our planet, none of you will need reminding that we live in troubled times, but it is within these troubled times that we will find the true value of faith and by that I mean a faith in Our Glorified Lord, and a rejection of quick fixes and miracle solutions offered by populist politicians or advertisers on TV.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879)
 Feast: April 16, Saint of the sick and poor

"It is loving the Cross that one finds one's heart, for Divine Love cannot live without suffering."

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CATECHESIS CORNER

The Catechism underlines that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a liturgical event and action, like the celebration of the other sacraments. The two requisite parts of the sacrament are a penitent (the one making their confession) actively seeking the sacrament, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the priest who grants absolution, the forgiveness of sins, in the name of Christ (CCC 1495), as well as offering a penance—understood as acts of ‘satisfaction’. A typical liturgical routine for confession would be to begin by making the Sign of the Cross, followed by a greeting and blessing from the priest. Here, some priests may offer a Scripture reading, however, at this point it is usual for the penitent to state how long it has been since their last confession. After a period of preparation, examining well one’s conscience, the penitent would then acknowledge to the priest, in name and number, all mortal sins not yet confessed, after which the priest may offer some advice, before the imposition and acceptance of penance, to help mend the damage caused by sin. Finally, absolution is given, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving and praise, then the blessing and dismissal (CCC 1480). Before beginning the liturgy of reconciliation, try to make a good and careful examination of conscience, so you know what you might present to the priest, and, remember, the priest hearing confession is bound by the sacramental seal, to keep absolute secrecy concerning the sacrament (CCC 1450 - 1467), but more on this next time.

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.

SUMMIT 2026

The event will take place on **Friday 24th April** at Ss Michael and Martin Parish, TW3 3EH (we gather in the parish centre behind the church), beginning at 7:00pm. The Summit runs from 7:00–9:00pm and includes games, engaging formative content, and - most importantly - time in Eucharistic Adoration. Each year, Summit has a different theme. Last year, we explored what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope. This year, as the Vatican has designated a Year of St Francis of Assisi, Westminster Youth Ministry will journey with young people through his life and reflect on how we are all called to holiness and a closer relationship with God. The event is open to young people aged 13–17. Our Youth will require appropriate supervision with responsible adults accompanying them. We kindly ask that each parish ensures appropriate supervision of their youth, with responsible adult/s accompanying them. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Florie by email as we have to provide numbers.

JOB VACANCIES AND EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Please check the notice board for the latest updates.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

EASTER: Loose, Envelopes and Contactless: £7,781.35

HOLY PLACES: £3,235.11

CAFOD Fast Day: £1,593.37 inc cheques ,

CAFOD Lent Walk: £140.00, CAFOD Wall Box: £72.52

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.

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 12th 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.

FRIEND’S CIRCLE - next meeting Monday 13 April at 12.30pm in the presbytery.

ALMS -APPRECIATE AND LEARN MUSIC THROUGH SINGING - The group meets on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Centre, £5.00 per person per session. The next Meeting is on Monday, 13th 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.

REST IN PEACE - We pray for the repose of the souls of Andres Sanchez, John McGillicuddy (Mary Crawley’s brother) and Faye Nogollos (Jo Nogollos sister) who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

The Parish Office will be closed 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

Divine Mercy Prayer

Most merciful Jesus,
whose very nature is compassion and love,
do not look on my failings but upon my trust in you.

Let me live my life being merciful to others
as you are merciful to me.

Let me always remember the graces flowing from
your pierced heart on the cross
and live my life bearing in mind your words.

“As I have loved you so also should you
love one another.” (John 13:34)

Lord Jesus have mercy on me in my distress
and look with pity on my request. (3 times)

For the sake of your sorrowful Passion
have mercy on me O Lord. (3 times)