



Third Sunday of Easter - Yr A

18th/19th April 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 18 9.30am 6pm	Zelner Canny De Souza (18 B'day) Attendees - Marriage Preparation	T'GIVING SP. INT
Sun 19 8am 9.30am 11am 4.30pm 7pm	Fernandes & Pereira Families Gabriel D'Souza Malgorzata Stupak HOLY HOUR People of the Parish	SP. INT RIP RIP (1st A) SP. INT INT
Mon 20 9.30am	Rhiannon Julia Fernandes (B'day)	T'GIVING
Tue 21 9.30am 7pm	Kathleen Hayes Julia Canha	T'GIVING) RIP
Wed 22 9.30am	Sr Mary Winifred (B'day)	T'GIVING
Thur 23 9.30am	Harry Haldane	RIP (A)
Fri 24 9.30am 7pm	Dhana Diwadkar Joao R Fernandes (50th B'day)	RIP (10th A) T'GIVING
Sat 25 9.30am 6pm	Jose & Lourdes D'Souza Ann Cottis	T'GIVING RIP
Sun 26 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	John O'Connor Manuel Pereira & Florina Lourenco People of the Parish Jaster Rodrigues	RIP RIP INT RIP

Santuary Lamp is lit in Thanksgiving for Julia Canha

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 have read divergent views and comments made by non-Catholics and even Catholics on social media when Pope Leo called for peace through dialogue in the ongoing war in the middle east. For those who said unkind words about the Pope, it is worth noting that the Pope did not intervene as a politician. He spoke within his proper mission as Supreme Pastor of the Church, applying the moral teaching of the Gospel and the social doctrine of the Church to a situation that directly concerns human life, suffering, and the urgency of peace. When the Pope calls for dialogue instead of violence, he is acting faithfully within the tradition entrusted to him. Jesus Christ never presented violence as the path forward. Now, what does the Gospels say? In the Gospel, Jesus declares: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). He commands: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). And when a sword was raised in His defence, He firmly rebuked it: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matthew 26:52). His way was the way of peace, not retaliation. The New Testament (the fullness of God's Revelation) consistently upholds peace as a defining mark of the Christian life. St. Paul exhorts: "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live at peace with all" (Romans 12:18), and reminds us that Christ Himself "is our peace" (Ephesians 2:14). Even in the Old Testament, the vision is clear. Isaiah speaks of the Messiah as the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6) and foresees a time when nations "shall beat their swords into ploughshares" and "learn war no more" (Is. 2:4). For this reason, reacting harshly with unkind words to the Pope's appeal for peace is deeply unfortunate and sad. The Holy Father should not be condemned for rejecting violence. He is faithful to Christ and to the mission of the Church. At a time like this, for us Catholics, what is needed is not aggressive and dismissive remarks, but prayers for the Holy Father, prayer for peace in the world, and a renewed resolve to human dignity, dialogue, and peace.

Have a blessed week,

Fr Andrew

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint George (Died 303AD)

Feast: April 23, Martyr. Patron Saint of England

*"Let no hardship turn you from the path of righteousness.
Stand firm in Christ, and fear no foe."*

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CATECHESIS CORNER

Returning to the lands walked by his spiritual father, St. Augustine, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV visited the archaeological site of Hippo in the modern-day city of Annaba on Tuesday, April 14, the second day of his Apostolic Journey to Algeria. Ancient Hippo, or Hippo Regius (today Annaba) was an important coastal city and economic centre of the Roman Empire. St. Augustine served as its Bishop from 396AD until his death in 430AD. Let's reflect on one of the most important books ever written by St Augustine between 397AD to 400AD titled *Confessions* when he was Bishop of Hippo. Before Saint Augustine of Hippo, people wrote about wars, empires, and heroes. Then came, *Confessions*, and everything changed. Augustine did something radical when he wrote *Confessions*, instead of looking outward, he turned inward. He wrote about his struggles, his desires, his confusion, his sins. He spoke honestly about weakness, not achievement. And in doing so, he taught the world that the greatest story is not what happens outside us, but what happens within us. That single move reshaped literature. From that moment, the human heart became a subject worth studying. Writers like Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Leo Tolstoy, and Fyodor Dostoevsky would later follow that path, telling stories not just of events, but of the soul. But it is important to note that Augustine was not just writing literature; he was doing theology. He showed that sin is not merely what we do, but what we love wrongly. He showed that conversion is not a sudden performance of strength, but a slow surrender to grace. He showed that the human heart is restless, not because it lacks things, but because it lacks God. One of the popular quotes from the book is: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee." The book, *Confessions*, remains a timeless master piece because it tells us a truth many still avoid, the truth that you can change your environment, your friends, your habits, but until something changes within you, nothing truly changes. I am recommending this book, *Confessions*, to all of us.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Please join us for Holy Hour this Sunday at 4.30pm in Church. The Pope has asked us to join with him and the whole world to unite in prayer for the dignity of Human Life

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (AGED 18-35) If you are 18-35 years old and are seeking to meet with other young people, sharing faith, friendship and food, then please come along to one of our Friday evening group meetings, where you will be very welcome. This initiative was born a few weeks ago and already is proving to be a valued addition to the life of our parish. In the future, we hope to have varied events, including talks and activities, video evenings, specific faith-based discussion groups, etc. if you wish to know more about this, please speak with our seminarian, Ashley.

RACE NIGHT – LOURDES FUNDRAISER I am told that this is a not to be missed parish event! The expertise of parishioners leading this event lends itself for an evening of fun and joy, with some 'Race Night' entertainment, all as a fundraising event for our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Race Night will take place on Saturday the 9th May, around 7/7.30pm and tickets are being sold at all Masses from this weekend. Tickets are £10 each, which includes entrance, food and soft drinks. This is an opportunity for us to come together socially, for good causes, so please don't miss the opportunity!

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. We also pray for the soul of Pope Francis whose first death anniversary is on Tuesday 21st. May they rest in eternal peace.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY The 4th Sunday of Easter is dedicated annually to promoting vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood, this year on the 25-26th April. Pope Francis reminded us that 'vocation' is making God's dream for you come true. Aligned with this, is the annual Vocations Day Message for 2026, from Pope Leo, which is that 'every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.' On Good Shepherd Sunday, our new Archbishop, Richard, will present us with his first Pastoral Letter and he will be asking us to begin that day a month-long cycle of prayer for vocations, leading us to Pentecost Sunday. There will be Holy Hours with suggested themes for each week – for an openness to God's call, for those already discerning their vocation, for seminarians in formation, and for all our parish priests and all clergy serving in the Diocese. Materials from our Vocations Team will be provided to assist with this. Finally, at all Masses on Good Shepherd Sunday weekend, our seminarian, Ashley, will tell us something more of his own vocational call to priesthood, which we look forward to hearing very much.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND APPEAL To support the work of our vocation team and seminaries—those responsible for discernment and formation of our future priests—there will be the annual second collection on the weekend of 25th-26th April. Currently there are 20 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese, including three men who have been accepted to begin their seminary formation in September. As part of this great number, we are fortunate to have Ashley with us in the parish for his pastoral year, which is bearing much fruit for us and for him. Fr Mike is one of the vocations promoters for the diocese, and he reports that, in addition to these 20 seminarians, there are currently 15 men who are also discerning whether God is calling them to priesthood. If God may be calling you to priesthood, either a few initial seeds or something you just cannot shift from the depths of your heart, then please do make an appointment with Father Mike, who will be delighted to assist you and accompany you. As always, we thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this year's Priest Training Fund Appeal.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2026-27 - All those who currently use or had requested Planned Giving Envelopes, please collect your box of envelopes from the Parish Office. They started on the 12th of April.

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, 20th April.

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, aimed at 13-17 year olds, and includes games, engaging formative content, and - most importantly - time in Eucharistic Adoration. Our Youth will require appropriate supervision with responsible adults accompanying them. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Florie by email as we have to provide numbers.

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

11th-12th April Loose: 1,495.70, Envelopes: 231.40
Total: £1,727.10 Late Easter: £181.00

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