



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Yr A

9th/10th May 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 9 9.30am 11am 2pm 4pm 6pm	Flavia Pereira (B'day) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS Mathew John Silveira	T'GIVING INT INT INT RIP (A)
Sun 10 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Minguel Monteiro & Piedade Costa Fernandes Family Lynette Harris People of the Parish	RIP T'GIVING RIP (1st A) INT
Mon 11 9.30am	Inacio Silveira	RIP
Tue 12 9.30am 7pm	John O'Connor Karen Sanger	RIP RIP
Wed 13 9.30am 7pm	Gashu Family Special Intention (Private)	T'GIVING INT
Thur 14 9.30am 12noon 7.00pm	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Maria Angela D'Souza Valencia & Solomon (Wedding Health) Antonio Saldanha (B'day) & Family	RIP (25th A) INT T'GIVING
Fri 15 9.30am 7pm	Agnelo M Fernandes Mary Punitha (B'day)	RIP (A) T'GIVING
Sat 16 9.30am 11am 2pm 4pm 6pm	Mendes/Pereira Family Well Being FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS Jose Delfino Pereira	INT INT INT INT RIP
Sun 17 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Sachio Pereira Agnelo M Fernandes Christine Cahalane Reuel Roman Quebral (B'day Rem)	T'GIVING RIP 2nd A) RIP (A) RIP
Santuary Lamp is lit in Marriage Thanksgiving for Len & Noreen (70yrs) & Mark & Michelle Easterbrooke (20yrs)		

OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

Confessions and Adoration: Saturday 10.15am-11.15am
Confessions: Saturday 4pm-5pm; Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri 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

Dear Friends,

It seems to me that wherever I look or whenever I turn on the news, we are surrounded in a sea of hatred. For example, the current rise of anti semitism in the UK and elsewhere, surely demonstrate to us how hatred and division must never be allowed to win.

Contrast these current events with todays readings, where Jesus talks about the relationship between the love for him and and keeping his word. Over his three year ministry, Jesus taught his disciples about his Fathers will and his kingdom. Quite frankly, Jesus talks about the relationship between the love for him and and keeping his word. But even this isn't without questions. I feel I must ask myself, Do I truly know the word of God? Do I respect the word of God as my guide and counsel for my life? And sometimes I even ask myself, what is the word of God?

As Catholic Christians we are of course challenged to believe the word of God, but we are additionally challenged to observe sacred tradition. Or to put it another way, we are not just people of the book but people of the word. And so, when it comes to following Jesus and obeying his word, it is important for us, to not only know sacred scripture that we hear every time we come to Mass, but to also observe the traditions that have been gifted to us by the church. We can only come to know these sacred traditions by living our lives in total contrast to those who live a life of hatred and division. We must pray that those who advocate hatred will ultimately embrace peace. Remember that St Paul as a young man was present at the martyrdom of St Stephen but after his conversion went on to evangelise for the rest of his life.

It is only when we take into consideration sacred scripture and sacred tradition that we have possession of the Word of God. And to achieve that, not only must we participate in the Mass, but we also need to bring that word deep down inside our own hearts in private and talk to God. However, it is still up to us to go deep into the word and hear the beating heart of God, and that is a call on our life.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Deacon Colin

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Mon, Wed, Thur: 10.00am-12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm
Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

Today: Sixth Sunday of Easter p.268

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Matthias, Apostle (died c.80AD)

Patron saint of alcoholics & smallpox, Feast Day May 14

"The true measure of a person's character is how they treat others, especially those in need."

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CATECHESIS CORNER

Continuing on from last week, we look at the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

The Sorrowful Mysteries – Christ’s Passion and Death, The price of our salvation are prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Agony in the Garden – Matthew 26:36–46 “Not my will, but yours be done.” **The Scourging at the Pillar** – John 19:1 The suffering Servant. **The Crowning with Thorns** – Matthew 27:27–31 The mocked King. **The Carrying of the Cross** – Luke 23:26–31 The road to Calvary. **The Crucifixion** – Luke 23:33–46; John 19 The climax of love and redemption.

Summarily, The Rosary forces the Christian to sit at the foot of the Cross.

The Glorious Mysteries – Christ’s Victory and Eternal Glory are prayed on Sundays and Wednesdays. **The Resurrection** – Matthew 28:1–10 Death is defeated. **The Ascension** – Acts 1:6–11 Christ enthroned in glory. **The Descent of the Holy Spirit** – Acts 2:1–13 Birth of the Church. **The Assumption of Mary** – Revelation 12:1. Humanity already glorified in Christ.

The Coronation of Mary – Revelation 12; 19:1–9 Christ the King shares His victory.

Summarily, The Gospel does not end at the Cross; it ends in glory.

The entire 20 Mysteries of the rosary is about the Incarnation, Jesus’ Public Ministry, Passion, Resurrection and Glory. The prayer of the Rosary is the entire life of Christ, from womb to tomb to throne. The Rosary is not substitution for Scripture. It is Scripture turned into prayer.

MAY - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY - The Rosary is recited Monday to Friday in Church after the 9.30am Mass and by the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday to Friday at 6.30pm and Saturday at 7pm.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION This coming Thursday, 14th May, is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be at the following times: Wednesday 7pm (Vigil Mass), then 9.30am (Solemn with a few hymns), 12noon and 7pm on the Thursday. We are blessed to have Fr Antonio Ritaccio, Pastoral Director, and 10 seminarians from Allen Hall Seminary joining us for the 9.30am Mass. This is Ashley’s Year Group, all of whom are on placements, like Ashley, and they get together in a parish venue a few times throughout their pastoral placement year. So, we are honoured to have them here at St Lawrence, Feltham. If you wish to meet these seminarians, come to the 9.30am Mass and say hello afterwards!

MORNING CONFESSIONS (MAY) As we celebrate our four large parish First Holy Communion Masses in the coming week, **16th May**, it is with regret that we will have to cancel the morning confessions on those Saturdays. However, the 4pm confessions will continue and we will resume our usual schedule on 23rd May. Apologies for any inconvenience to you and please do keep the children and their families in your prayers at this important time of their faith journey.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION For those EMHCs who take Holy Communion to our sick brothers and sisters, we shall have our quarterly review meeting in the presbytery on **Monday 11th May**, immediately after the morning Mass.

ALMS GROUP (APPRECIATE AND LEARN MUSIC THROUGH SINGING) will be having their concert “*Joseph and his Amazing Colour Dreamcoat*” on **Monday 1st June** in the Parish Centre. Doors open at 7.30pm. Not to be missed.

REST IN PEACE - We pray for the repose of the soul of Denzil Menezes. Funeral details to follow. May he rest in eternal peace.

SAFEGUARDING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL It is important that we all, as a parish family, commit to positive safeguarding, remembering that safeguarding in everyone’s responsibility. It is so important to look out for each other, to care for each other and to safeguard each other. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child or vulnerable adult please see the information in the porch, on the parish Safeguarding notice board, on what to do and where to reach out for help. If you have an immediate concern and you believe a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk, our responsibility is to seek the help of the Police, calling 999. We also have our parish Safeguarding Reps, Marinha and Victor, who are a valuable resource, as well as the parish clergy and team. Please do not hesitate to be in contact if you have any concerns or questions.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Is an important tool for keeping up-to-date and fresh with safeguarding strategies and developments. Many of us undertake safeguarding training aligned with our employment, volunteering and other commitments, and the Church also offers free online safeguarding training, with new materials currently available from the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA). Whilst this training is available to all, and I would encourage as many parishioners as possible to undertake this online training, it is mandatory for clergy, staff and volunteers. Please use one of the two links below to complete training as soon as possible, and if you are new to online training from the CSSA, once you have accessed the links, please choose the ‘REGISTER FOR FREE’ button to proceed. Please inform the parish office when you have completed your training, including the role you undertake in the parish, for our records.

1.Clergy, Trustees, Employees and DBS Volunteers:

<https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/course/westminster-archdiocese>

2.Volunteers without DBS:

<https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/course/safeguarding-for-volunteers-in-the-catholic-church-13>

CONSIDERING PRIESTHOOD? Fr Mike has been one of the two Diocesan Vocation Promoters for the past 8 years and has accompanied many through the process of discerning a call to priesthood. If anyone in our parish has any questions about vocation or you would like to have an initial conversation about a call to priesthood, please do not hesitate to make contact with him. If you are younger than 18 years-of-age, then this request and continued communication must come from parents / guardians. Do not be afraid to respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd; He will only ever lead you to where He needs you to do Him some definite service.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD Please do come and pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood here in our own diocese. Archbishop Richard has asked that Holy Hours will take place in parishes to promote this prayer intention and, for us, the remaining Holy Hours will be as follows: Week Two (9th May, 4pm) Pray for those currently discerning the priesthood. Week Three (16th May, 4pm) Pray for seminarians in their formation. Week Four (23rd May, 10.15am) Pray for your parish’s priests and all clergy serving in the diocese.

Other Liturgies and Masses continued from front page

Charismatic 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2nd-3rd May Loose: £1,574.61, Envelopes: £291.33
Total: £1,865.94

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