



Saint Peter and St Paul - Yr A

27th/28th June 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 27 9.30am 6pm	Alice & Jean Pereira Daire O’Gallachoir (B’d day Rem.)	RIP RIP
Sun 28 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Sharifah Naigaga (New Job) Sebastian Lazarus Deceased members Hamill Family Asiel & Aldrich Da Costa	T’GIVING RIP (A) RIP T’GIVING
Mon 29 9.30am 11am	Mylie Rodrigues – Birthday REQUIEM – HORACE JEAN- BAPTISTE BOUCHEREAU	T’GIVING RIP
Tue 30 9.30am 7pm	Denzil Menezes Antonia Fernandes	RIP RIP (7 th A)
Wed 1/7 9.30am	John D’Souza	T’GIVING
Thur 2 9.30am	Isabelita Alib	RIP
Fri 3 9.30am 7pm	Vincent Cardoso Patrick Joseph Beirne	T’GIVING RIP (1 st A)
Sat 4 9.30am 6pm	Judy Fernandes Erelinda Dulcina Barreto	T’GIVING RIP (1 st A)
Sun 5 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	People of the Parish Matilda Ferroz Deceased Murray Family Acelyn Rebello - Birthday	INT RIP (2 nd A) RIP T’GIVING
Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the Intentions of Diana Cornini		
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 Charismatic Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3 rd & 4 th 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		

This past week we have celebrated several great Saints of the Church: Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, Saint John the Baptist, and Saint John Southworth, who ministered here in London. This weekend we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, two of the Church’s Apostles.

The Catechism teaches that the Saints are examples of holiness, companions in prayer, patrons, and powerful intercessors, and by their lives they show us how to follow Christ. For example, St Francis of Assisi points us to Christ’s poverty, humility, and love of creation; Saints Peter and Paul teach us to answer God’s call with courage, serve others with love, and remain faithful through suffering.

Because the Saints now share in the joy of Heaven, the Catechism states that ‘we can and should ask for their intercession, for us and for the whole world, to their most exalted service to God’s plan’ (CCC 2683). But to whom do the Saints intercede? And, of course, the answer is straightforward: To the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour. The Saints are powerful intercessors, but always orientated to our one and only Saviour: Jesus Christ.

For this reason, we distinguish between veneration of the Saints with the worship and adoration due to God alone. The Saints lead us to Christ; they never replace Him. Their statues in church can help us pray, but we must never overlook the ‘living’ presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, reserved in the tabernacle. We should pray not only through the Saints, but also directly to our Saviour.

Pope Saint John Paul II often reminded us that ‘Christ is the centre of Christian life and all devotion must lead to Him.’ As we enter church or pass before the sanctuary, let us remember to acknowledge His presence with a genuflection, or a profound bow if we are unable to genuflect. In doing so, we give due reverence to the living Lord Jesus and express the joy of being in His transformative, saving presence.

Have a blessed week

Fr Mike

SAINT OF THE WEEK
St Thomas the Apostle, died c.72
Patron of doubters, architects, etc
"Humility, which is a virtue, is always fruitful in good works."

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)
Today: 12th Sunday of the Year Vol 2 p.93
Morning Prayer Week 4
Next week: Ss Peter & Paul p170

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Mon, Wed, Thurs: 10.00am–12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm
Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed

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CATECHESIS CORNER

Today we begin our catechesis on the sacrament of marriage.

The Catholic Church defines marriage as a covenant between a man and a woman for their mutual good and the procreation and education of children. This is stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "*The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring...*" (CCC 1601). Therefore, marriage holds a unique and sacred place among the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. To show the significant role that God had given to marriage, the union of a man and a woman, Adam and Eve, were mentioned at the beginning of the Bible (Genesis 2:21-23). This shows that a man and a woman were undoubtedly meant to be together. Then Jesus began his public ministry by honouring an invitation to a wedding at Cana in Galilee where he changed water into wine (John 2:1-11). Then the Bible concludes with "the wedding feast of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7,9). Marriage undoubtedly provides insight into God's relationship with us; and this is why scripture frequently discusses marriage, including its beginnings and goals, the significance that God bestowed upon it, to signify the relationship that Jesus has with His church. More than a contract, the Sacrament of marriage is a covenant. A contract, for example, involves reciprocal benefits between corporate partners, whereas a covenant always expresses a relationship between people, a lifelong, holy commitment.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT Friday July 3rd. Gather your family and friends and test your brains! Come have some fun at our Friday Quiz & Curry Night. Teams of 4 - 8max. £10.00 pp which will include delicious Curry & Soft Drink. Doors open at 7:00 and quiz starts at 07:30.

Great prizes on the night including a Raffle. Get your team tickets outside after Mass today.

PASSPORTS, CITIZENSHIP, PENSIONS If you require a priest to certify any part of your application for these and other Government lead processes, we are happy to help; however, there is usually a minimum amount of time for which a referee / certifier must have known an applicant. Please check this with the relevant body to which you are applying, prior to making an appointment to see us. Usually, the expected period of knowing an applicant is a minimum of two years. Having only been in the parish two years this coming September, with Father Andrew later still, we are often excluded from the list of certifiers, until September.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP As part of our ongoing commitment to the capital works required in the parish, supported by our Planned Giving Drive, I am looking for volunteers to apply to join this steering group, especially if you have expertise and experience in architecture, design, buildings consultancy etc. I would like to get a cross-section of people from the parish, around 5 or so, to support our planning and delivery of the new lighting and sound systems, the redecorating of the church, the new kneelers and lectern, which I hope we can begin to move forward with. If you are interested, please email Fr Mike with a short summary of your experience, to assist with recruitment.

REST IN PEACE We pray for the repose of the souls of Horace Jean-Baptiste Bouchereau, Anne O'Hagan and Michael Connor. Horace's funeral will take place here on **Monday 29th June at 11am.** May they rest in eternal peace.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION Thank you to so many of you for offering us your encouraging feedback regarding our recent parish drive to revisit and reinforce the reverent, careful and approved ways of receiving Holy Communion. There really was a powerful, visible difference in how we each received Holy Communion last weekend. *Thank You!* More details on this topic are available on the notice boards in the porch. Remember, please consume the Blessed Sacrament in front of the minister rather than walking away or stepping aside. Aid Memoirs of the homily points from last weekend are available in the porch, in various languages, representing our wonderful parish culture.

HOT WEATHER AND DRESS CODE Please do take care in this hot weather to remain well hydrated and as cool as possible, and **please remember the importance of maintaining modesty and reverence in what we wear.** People often ask us what modest dress means and a general consensus is that what we wear should cover the shoulders and knees, while keeping comfortable in the heat with breathable and lightweight fabrics. I often say: How would you dress if you met a King or Queen? Every time we are at Mass we are meeting our Saviour King, and how we dress for this occasion is a gift to that encounter. Please also note that it is tradition and respect for men to remove hats and headdress when entering a Church. Even the Bishop removes his headdress for the Eucharistic Prayer.

TABERNACLE We have had to buy a new tabernacle! I am excited to write this because our current tabernacle is now too small for the size of our parish, with the growing numbers we are seeing coming to Mass week-on-week. The new tabernacle is a very beautiful, second-hand tabernacle, that fits the design of our church very well, with its dome shape. A photograph of the new tabernacle is on the notice boards in the church. We hope it might be in situ for September.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING For all volunteers who are required to complete safeguarding training, please can I ask you to do so ASAP and email the parish office when completed, also giving the name of the volunteering role you undertake. More information on the notice boards in the porch.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE, CHISWICK, from 6.30pm Friday 10th to 4.30pm Sunday 12th July. After the success of the conference last November this summer's has fresh content and more visiting speakers. Full details of speakers, subjects, events, liturgies, sacraments, socials and registration (£40 total fee) here: <https://toblondon.carrd.co/> or on the parish website, with the option also of a post-conference pilgrimage to 15th July!

ST LAWRENCE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL has a limited number of spaces available in Years 1-6 for children wishing to start in September 2026. As a Catholic school at the heart of our parish community, we warmly welcome enquiries from families considering a place for their child. For further information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office: ☎ 020 8890 3878.

✉ office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk We look forward to welcoming new families to our St Lawrence community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

20th/21st June Loose: £1,418.89, Envelopes: £350.10
Total: £1,768.99

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