

ST LAWRENCE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year – Yr A

1st/2nd August 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 1 9.30am 6pm	All young people at Feltham YOI Damasceno, Luiza & Fatima Rodrigues	INT RIP
Sun 2 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Rowan Noronha (1 st B'day) Stella Marie Barry Teresa Macken People of the Parish	T'GIVING RIP (2 nd A) RIP INT
Mon 3 9.30am	Gracias/Fernandes Family	T'GIVING
Tue 4 9.30am 7pm	Beatriz Ana de Bragança Frank Macken (B'day Remembrance)	INT RIP
Wed 5 9.30am	Alleluia D'Souza	RIP (A)
Thur 6 9.30am	Harry Haldane (B'day Rem.)	RIP
Fri 7 9.30am 7pm	Johnny, Priscilla & Zara Vaz Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz	T'GIVING RIP
Sat 8 9.30am 6pm	Caetano V DeSouza (60 th Bday Rem) Christine Bragança & Sam Sutherland – Wedding	RIP T'GIVING
Sun 9 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Carafino & Anna Bragança (W/A) Mervyn Rosario Geraldo & Alda Soares Maroun Hanna Andraos	T'GIVING T'GIVING RIP RIP (2 nd A)
Sanctuary Lamp is lit in Thanksgiving for Felicissima P. Ellis		
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		

**DIARY DATES FOR THE
FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE**

Monday 10th August – 7.00pm Full Solemn Mass

Thursday 13th August – 7.30pm St Lawrence Parish Choir Concert

Sunday 16th August – 12noon onwards Parish BBQ & Party

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TALK Dear Young Adults, aged 18-35, the parish Young Adults Group invites you to a talk on the very important topic, Artificial Intelligence (AI). This talk will be given by the magnificent Father Sebastian Śledziona, Artificial Intelligence PhD student in Rome—friend of Father Mike—and will be held at c. 7.30pm on **Friday 14th August**, in the Parish Centre. Please do come along and listen to an inspiring talk in this era of AI, ask all your questions, and engage with robust perspectives for our Christian living. As Pope Leo XIV said recently: *‘In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilisation of love to fulfilment in our lives.’*

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)
Today: 18th Sunday of the Year p.111
Morning Prayer Wk 2
Thurs 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord p.173
Next week: 19th Sunday of the Year p.114
Morning Prayer Wk 3

REST IN PEACE –
We pray for all those who have died recently or whose anniversary occurs. May they rest in eternal peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint John Vianney(1786-1859)
Feast Day August 4th, Priest & Confessor
“It is always springtime in the heart that loves “

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES - Applications are now open for our First Holy Communion and Walk With Jesus programmes for 2026/2027.

First Holy Communion is for children attending a Catholic school Year 3 and above in September 2026 or attending a non-Catholic school Year 6 and above in September 2026.

Walk With Jesus is for children attending a non-Catholic school Years 2-5 in September 2026.

You must register your interest to Cathy Early via email, details overleaf, stating which programme and she will send you an application form.

Applications will close on Sunday 6th September.

Our Confirmation programme applications will open in the autumn.

Any parent/guardian wishing to follow their child through any of the above programmes as a Catechist, please contact Cathy Early for more details.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2026-2027 Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult (18 years and over) who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? We are now inviting enquiries for our annual RCIA programme. This is for anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic, wishes to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church, or is an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed. The programme begins on Tuesday 6 October 2026 and will run most Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.00pm, continuing through to Easter 2027, when we hope participants will receive the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA offers an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith, deepen your relationship with the Lord Jesus, and prayerfully discern His call with faith, generosity, and courage. If you would like to register your interest, please email Father Mike at michaelmaguire@rcdow.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Sunday 27 September 2026.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION – Act Now: Contact Your MP A Private Member's Bill on assisted suicide, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Bill is scheduled for its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 September 2026. Archbishop Richard Moth and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have urged Catholics to contact their Members of Parliament. They state: "This Bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill lacks adequate protections for health and social care staff and risks placing many excellent hospices and care homes in an impossible position." Please take a few moments to write to your MP and ask them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading. Information on how to contact your MP is available on the posters around the church and in the *Headline News* section of the parish website. **Please act now—your voice matters.**

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE – Project Update Following the success of our Planned Giving Drive, Father Mike has been working closely with the Diocese's Property Department and the Parish Finance Committee to begin progressing the agreed priorities. The first phase of works will focus on: a new lighting and sound system; repainting and redecorating the church; and the installation of a new ambo (readers' lectern). Future phases will include replacing the church carpets and kneelers. To support this work, and to ensure parishioners are well represented throughout the process, a Parish Development Steering Group has been established, bringing together members with a range of professional skills and expertise. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. We will continue to keep the parish informed as these projects move forward.

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.

UNWANTED RELIGIOUS ITEMS OR RELIGIOUS BOOKS – If anyone has any religious books or holy items that need a new home, please bring them to the Parish Office as Cathy is planning to take them to Sussex in August.

CAFOD – GLOBAL DEBT CRISIS – At the end of all Masses this weekend, Miriam will give a brief talk and her team we will be collecting signatures for a CAFOD petition about the global debt crisis, which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla from South Sudan has written to parishes in England and Wales to explain. Please stop for a minute as you leave and lend your support. Thank you for helping to build a better world.

PILGRIMAGES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 19th SEPTEMBER 2026 – Join the 10th Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham – the theme of this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, the cause of our joy". Register your interest with Florie.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 & 2027 We extend our sincere thanks to all the parishioners who took part in this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, especially the many volunteers from our parish who served so generously as nurses, Redcaps, hospital helpers, and in many other roles. Your dedication and witness are deeply appreciated. Reflections and photographs from this year's pilgrimage, capturing its beauty, joy, and spirit, are now available on the parish website. Looking ahead, I will begin gathering expressions of interest for the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2027 in September. It may seem early, but planning ahead gives everyone the best opportunity to prepare.

YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2027 Working with our Young Adults Group, we are exploring plans for a five-day parish pilgrimage to Rome for our parish young adults aged 18-35, provisionally scheduled for October or November 2027. Further details will be announced in the coming months. In the meantime, please register your interest with Father Mike—without any obligation—at michaelmaguire@rcdow.org.uk.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

11/12 July: Loose £1,371.69 Env. 226.00 Total £1,597.69
18/19 July: Loose £1,326.42 Env. 282.75 Total £1,609.17
25/26 July: Loose £1,394.30 Env. 252.12 Total £1,646.42
Spiritans Mission Appeal: £584.32