



Fourteenth Sunday of the Year –
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4th/5th July 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
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
Mon 6 9.30am	Sr Monica Killeen	T’GIVING
Tue 7 9.30am 7pm	Teresa Macken Teddy Pinto	RIP RIP
Wed 8 9.30am	Len, Paul & Carol Easterbrook and Aunty Betty	RIP
Thur 9 9.30am	John Cullinane	RIP
Fri 10 9.30am 7pm	Raymond Crosby Lobo Victor & Jeromia – Wedding Ann.	RIP (1 st A) T’GIVING
Sat 11 9.30am 6pm	Conceicao & Judas Martins Mackrodt, Rogan & Emmanuel Families	RIP T’GIVING
Sun 12 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Amanaria Donata Fernandes Departed souls of the Horry & Fernandes Families Rayna Alfonso – Birthday People of the Parish	RIP (3 rd A) RIP T’GIVING INT
Sanctuary Lamp is lit in Thanksgiving for the Fernandes Family		
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		

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

Dear Friends

The Ten Commandments, recorded in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5, serve as a moral code derived from God that guides believers into a faithful relationship with their Creator, and safeguards human relationships. Exodus 20:1–6 contains the first of the Ten Commandments, which states, “I am the Lord your God... You shall not have strange gods before me”. What this commandment means is simple: God must come first. You must place God above money, power, fame, or anything else. Again, this commandment is against idolatry. By idolatry, it means the worship of idols or false gods, offering sacrifices to carved or moulded objects, or attributing to creatures what belongs to God alone. But idolatry is not only about worship of objects. Worship of wealth, obsession with fame, or placing anything above God is also idolatry. This commandment is also against superstition, magic, and charms. You might ask, what about the use of Sacramentals like Rosaries and Holy Water? In the Catholic faith, sacramentals do not work by magic. Any grace connected to them comes from God, not from the object itself. Additionally, this commandment forbids consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens, clairvoyance, mediums, and similar practices. This is because such acts contradict the trust and worship due to God alone.

Have a blessed week

Fr Andrew

SAINT OF THE WEEK
Saint Maria Goretti (16/10/1890-6/7/1902)
Feast Day July 6th, Virgin & Martyr
“Let us love the Cross very much, for it is there that we discover our life, our true love and our strength in our greatest difficulty.”

REST IN PEACE
We pray for the repose of the souls of Len Easterbrook, Robert Bloomer, Darren Chapman, Anne O’Hagan and Michael Connor. May they rest in eternal peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)
Today: 14th Sunday of the Year Vol 2 p.99
Morning Prayer Week 2
Next week: 15th Sunday of the Year p.102

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CATECHESIS CORNER

During the celebration of Marriage, the couple exchange their vows, usually guided by the priest or deacon. At wedding rehearsals, I often remind couples: *"When that moment comes, don't look at me—look at each other. You're marrying one another, and you are conferring the sacrament upon each other."*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church highlights this precisely: *'According to the Latin tradition, the spouses as ministers of Christ's grace mutually confer upon each other the sacrament of Matrimony by expressing their consent before the Church... In the epiclesis (Nuptial Blessing) of this sacrament the spouses receive the Holy Spirit as the communion of love of Christ and the Church. The Holy Spirit is the seal of their covenant, the available source of their love and the strength to renew their fidelity'* (CCC 1623–1624). As the Catechism teaches, *'The Church holds the exchange of consent between the spouses to be the indispensable element that 'makes the marriage.' If consent is lacking, there is no marriage'* (CCC 1626).

Those familiar words—*"I take you to be my wedded wife"* or *"I take you to be my wedded husband"*—express far more than a promise. They are *'the human act by which the partners mutually give themselves to each other'* in this covenant, with the consent binding them together and finding its fulfilment in the two *"becoming one flesh"* (CCC 1627). The Church also reminds us that this consent *'must be an act of the will of each of the contracting parties, free of coercion or grave external fear'* (CCC 1628). Marriage is a free, joyful, and lifelong gift of self.

To all our parishioners who are marrying this year, we offer our heartfelt congratulations and assure you of our prayers as you prepare for this wonderful vocation.

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.

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.

FRIEND'S CIRCLE – Meet on **Monday 6th July** at 12.30 in the Presbytery.

NEXT WEEKEND 11/12 July, there will be a retiring collection after all Masses for Stella Maris (Sea Sunday).

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.

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.

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.

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.

IN APPRECIATION FROM FR JOHN BYRNE... - As I reflect on my Golden Jubilee Mass and celebration, my heart is filled with profound gratitude for each and every one of you who travelled a great distance to share this special moment, I am deeply grateful. Thank you for your lovely cards, well wishes, gifts and prayers. I consider myself incredibly blessed. Your love and thoughtfulness have touched me deeply and I truly appreciate your efforts. Thank you, with all my heart, to everyone for everything you did during my ministry in St. Lawrence's. The celebration of my Golden Anniversary shared with you all will remain with me for ever. **Fr. John**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

27th/28th June Loose: £1,314.07, Envelopes: £181.30
Total: £1,495.37

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