

ST LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary – Yr A

15th/16th August 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 15 9.30am 6pm	Hannah Fernandes – 7 th Birthday Johnson D'Mello	T'GIVING RIP
Sun 16 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Dominic Dieseru Caylan Cunha Zorina Gilbert – Int Infant Jesus Mary Boyle	SP. INT Gd. Health T'GIVING Gd Health
Mon 17 9.30am	Laura Fernandes	SP. INT
Tue 18 9.30am 7pm	Peter Coutinho Danladi Family	RIP T'GIVING
Wed 19 9.30am	People of Sloviansk	INT
Thur 20 9.30am	For parishioners from John & Angela D'Souza	SP. INT
Fri 21 9.30am 7pm	Daniel & Kerry Juriansz Derek William Ellis	GD HEALTH RIP
Sat 22 9.30am 6pm	Johnny, Priscilla & Zara Vaz Cristovao Dias	T'GIVING RIP (8 th A)
Sun 23 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Antonio, Ethne & Swizel Monteiro Louise Buley-Little Maria Goncalves (Birthday) People of the Parish	RIP 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: 3rd & 4th Saturday 7pm
Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1pm; Malayalam Mass: NO MASS 16/8
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

DIARY DATES FOR THE FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE

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

Please bring food to share

**ALL parking is suspended and unavailable on
Sunday 16th August due to safety of
parishioners.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES for 2026/2027.

Walk With Jesus is for children attending a non-Catholic school Years 2-5 in September 2026. After completing this programme they will automatically be enrolled in the First Holy Communion programme 2027/28.

Children attending a non-Catholic school in Year 6 or above should register for our First Holy Communion programme.

First Holy Communion is for children attending a Catholic school Year 3 and above.

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** 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

Today: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -
Vigil p.176, Day p.178
Morning Prayer Wk 4, 20th Week in OT
Next week: 21st Sunday of the Year p.120
Morning Prayer Wk 1

REST IN PEACE

We pray for John Patrick Weathers JP, Margaret Cortezo, Clara Matthews and V.V. Varghese (father of Anita Joby) who died recently and those whose anniversary occurs. May they rest in eternal peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

Feast: August 20, Abbott & Doctor of the Church

"God will either give us what we ask, or what He knows to be better for us."

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THANK YOU - It was great to see so many of you at the Feast Mass of St Lawrence, the whole liturgy was splendid. The Choir Concert was superb, the music great. Thanks to all the choirs for making the evening so special, and to May Iglesias Gaza for putting it all together. Well done!!

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**.

MARRIAGES: Whether you are marrying in the UK or abroad we need a minimum 6 months' notice, which will usually need to include a marriage course. A Marriage Course can be attended up to two years before the date. Our next Marriage Preparation Course is on Saturday 31st October. If there are prior marriages, whether religious or civil please speak to Fr Mike first.

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course is on **Friday 21st August at 6.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Both parents are required to attend the course. Please call Florie to book a place on the course.

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. We have a page on the parish website for updates of works and projects.

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**. Please see notice board for details.

WHEN LOVE NEEDS FIRST AID - When we experience marital stress, we need help to move from isolation toward renewed communication, consolation, and hope. <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/when-love-needs-first-aid/>. Please see notice for a reflection by Deacon Roger Carr-Jones from the Marriage & Family Life department at Westminster.

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 is a powerful, visible difference in how we each receive Holy Communion now. *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.

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 headaddress when entering a Church**. Even the Bishop removes his headaddress for the Eucharistic Prayer.

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 would like to host a Young Adults Pilgrimage to Rome (18-35 years old ONLY). Dates 11-15th October 2027; Approximate costs £1299pp, based on two or three sharing. These costs are for a group of 20, but the more that sign up, the less the cost will be. The total cost includes many things—Return flights from Heathrow Airport, with airport transfers in Rome; Hotel accommodation at the Emmaus Hotel, walking distance of Vatican City; Breakfast and evening meals at a local restaurant; Guided walking tours of Rome (English and Italian speaking tour guide); Full-day coach hire and visits to the Major Basilicas (St Peter's, St Paul outside the walls, the Lateran and Santa Maria Maggiore, *where Pope Francis is buried*); Visit to Vatican Museum and Catacombs, entrance fees included; Travel Insurance. As you can see, this is a magnificent deal, and we will have opportunities to do some fundraising, in the hope of reducing overall costs. In addition, we will apply for tickets to the Wednesday Papal Audience, with Pope Leo. Please register your interest with Father Mike—without any obligation—at michaelmaguire@rcdow.org.uk.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

8-9 Aug: Loose £1,800.72 Env. 257.72 Total £2,058.44

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Account Number: 71095528 Sort Code: 40-05-20

Please add your Surname, First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper, and indicate if it is for a Donation, Baptism, Mass, etc