

ST LAWRENCE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Nineteenth Sunday of the Year – Yr A

8th/9th August 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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)
Mon 10 9.30am 7pm	Lawrence Furtado (B’d day Rem.) FEAST MASS – ST LAWRENCE	RIP T’GIVING
Tue 11 9.30am 7pm	Graham Johnstone Nicola Fernandes	RIP (A) RIP
Wed 12 9.30am	Marian Vincent Alphonso	RIP (8 th A)
Thur 13 9.30am	Emily Gama - Birthday	T’GIVING
Fri 14 9.30am 7pm	Telly Raicar & Alifa Simoes Felicisima P Ellis	T’GIVING T’GIVING
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

Sanctuary Lamp is lit in Thanksgiving for the birth of a healthy baby boy

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

REST IN PEACE

We pray for John Patrick Weathers JP, Margaret Cortezo and Clara Matthews who died recently and those whose anniversary occurs. May they rest in eternal peace.

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

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

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: 19th Sunday of the Year p.114
Morning Prayer Wk 3
Next week: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary - Vigil p.176, Day p.178
Morning Prayer Wk 4

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)
Feast Day August 14th, Franciscan Friar,
Priest & Martyr

“The most deadly poison of our time is indifference”

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

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

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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 michaeltmaguire@rcdow.org.uk. Closing date for applications: **Sunday 27 September 2026**.

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.

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.

CAFOD CANCELLING DEBT APPEAL A huge thank you for signing up to the CAFOD *Cancel the Debt* petition last weekend. Miriam and her team received a total of 419 signatures, which is fantastic, and for which we thank you for your support.

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 michaeltmaguire@rcdow.org.uk.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

1-2 Aug: Loose £1,644.23 Env. 235.00 Total £1,879.23
Spiritans Mission Appeal: £75.00

HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRCDT FELTHAM
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