

ST LAWRENCE
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Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year –
Year A

19th/20th September 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 19 9.30am 6pm	Abner Gracias – Birthday Trevor Correja (Birthday)	T’GIVING T’GIVING
Sun 20 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Piera Pereira Veronica Charlton – B’day Rem Macken Family Constancio D’Souza	T’GIVING RIP INT RIP
Mon 21 9.30am	Michael McManus	RIP
Tue 22 9.30am 7pm	Mylon Silveira (Birthday) Cayson Cunha	T’GIVING GD HEALTH
Wed 23 9.30am	Nathaniel Fernandes (Birthday)	T’GIVING
Thur 24 9.30am	Mama Felicia Aruba Forson	RIP (A)
Fri 25 9.30am 7pm	Cianza Fernandes (Birthday) Sylvia Godinho & Leslie Fernandes	T’GIVING GD HEALTH
Sat 26 9.30am 6pm	Beryl Clarke Antonio Cardozo	RIP (A) RIP
Sun 27 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Maria Vitoria Miranda (1 mth) & Antonio Carvalho Jeromia Barreto (Birthday) David Nikailo Camelo (4 th B’day) Kalvin D’Cruz & Mary Rosario	RIP T’GIVING T’GIVING RIP

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the soul of Maria Margaret D’Souza RIP

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: 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

Recently, while in Nigeria, I received an urgent sick-call to visit an unbaptized child, about two years old, admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. The child's condition was extremely serious because he had suffered two cardiac arrests and was connected to life-support equipment. The monitors displayed fluctuating vital signs, and every rise or fall in the readings triggered alarm sounds from the machines. When I arrived, I met the parents, standing helplessly. Their pain and anxiety were obvious. It was one of those moments that remind us how fragile life can be.

After assessing the situation, I explained that the child only needed to be baptized and not the Anointing of the Sick at that critical point. So, I administered the Sacrament of Baptism. As I prayed and poured the water, the baby's blood pressure suddenly rose to about 140/90 as displayed on the monitor. Thus, the monitors began sounding continuously, and the child's little body started trembling. The parents, terrified by what they were seeing, kept calling the baby's name over and over again, pleading through their tears: "Please... don't do this to us. Stay with us...You'll be fine." I was troubled. A week later, after Mass, the child's grandmother approached me. She introduced herself and mentioned the baby's name. Immediately, I remembered the little one I had baptized in the ICU. My first question was, "How is the baby?" With great joy, she replied, "Father, I am happy to tell you that immediately after the baptism, the baby suddenly began to recover". The child was moved from the ICU to a regular hospital room, and after a few days, was discharged completely well." My heart was filled with gratitude. It was such a comforting and joyful update to receive. Now, I'm sharing this story to remind us of the greatness of God and the grace He freely gives through the Sacraments. The Sacraments are not empty rituals. They are real encounters with Christ, who continues to touch lives through His Church. God does not always choose to heal in the way we hope or according to our timetable. Yet He is always present, giving the grace that is needed. In this case, He granted both sacramental grace and, physical healing as well. May this testimony encourage all of us to place our confidence in Christ, to seek the Sacraments with faith, and never lose hope, even in the darkest moments.

Have a blessed week

Fr Andrew

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

Today: 25th Sunday of the Year p.131, MP Wk 1
Next week: 26th Sunday of the Year p.134, MP Wk 2

REST IN PEACE

We pray for Madeleine Patricia Manetta and Pedro Estolano Pereira who died recently and for those whose anniversary occurs. May they rest in eternal peace. Pedro's Requiem is on **Monday 28th September at 11am** and Madeleine's Requiem is on **29th September at 12.30pm**.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio] (1887-1968)
Feast: September 23rd, Priest
"The root of all evil is 'I', 'Me', 'Mine'.
"Prayer is the oxygen of the soul."

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Catechesis Corner

Unity of Marriage, what does this mean?

Unity of marriage simply means that marriage can only be contracted between one man and one woman. This implies that marital rights enjoyed by the spouses should never be exchanged or shared with any other person(s) during the lifetime of the other party. This is because marriage is an intimate union and an unreserved mutual self-giving involving two persons namely, the husband and the wife. The married love is an affection that is exclusively between these two persons, because one cannot give oneself fully and without reservation to several partners at the same time. Thus, this demands total fidelity and unbreakable unity between them. Canon Law explains this point further thus: *“Unity involves the marriage of one man and one woman, and accordingly excludes all forms of polygamy, whether it be polygyny, where one man has several wives, polyandry where one woman has several husbands, or so-called ‘group marriages’ where several men ‘marry’ several women. It does not, of course, exclude successive marriages, where the former bond has been dissolved by death or other legitimate means...”*. The Church’s teaching on the unity of marriage is scriptural. God created Adam and Eve and joined them in that inseparable union of marriage bond which fuses two lives into one. Through this action, God set an example and a pattern for future marriages. Adam and Eve did not transgress this divine mandate; married couples therefore have no excuse or justification to do the contrary. It is the manifest will of God that this principle of matrimonial unity be respected and preserved and that married couples should keep their union throughout their lives.

CONFIRMATION (YOUTH) 2026/27

Applications are now open for our Confirmation programme for those in school Year 9 to Year 12. Parents/Guardians of applicants please email Cathy Early for an application form. **Applications close on 18th October 2026.** We will be meeting with applicants one-to-one on 3-4 November. Sign up for these will be after all Masses weekend 24/25 Oct and 31 Oct/1Nov.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Do you feel called to become a Catholic? Has a friend or family member expressed a desire to become Catholic? Or perhaps you did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as a teenager and, now as an adult (18+), would like to prepare to receive it? If any of these relate to you, please apply to join our annual RCIA programme here in the parish by emailing Father Mike at michaelmaguire@rcdow.org.uk as soon as possible. The programme begins on Tuesday 6 October, from 6.30–8.00pm, and will run on most Tuesdays thereafter. **CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Please note: this is not the application process for Youth Confirmation.

MARRIAGE APPLICATION & MARRIAGE COURSE if you are planning on getting married in the parish or elsewhere, including abroad, please remember it is our task to help you complete the Marriage Application process. This process usually requires at least 6-months’ notice and involves completing a marriage preparation course. We have vacancies for the next 1-day course, here in the parish, on 31st October 2026. To book a place or to arrange a meeting with one of the clergy to begin the Marriage Application process, please make an appointment through Florie, in the Parish Office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - Fr Mike and the Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) will host a training day in the Parish Centre for adult volunteers (18 years of age and above) who have not yet completed their required safeguarding training.

- Volunteers whose role **does not** require a DBS check (Readers, EMHCs **not** taking communion to the sick, flower arrangers, welcomers, repository volunteers, etc.) – **Saturday 17th October 10.30am-12noon**
- Volunteers whose role **does** require a valid DBS check (Clergy, Catechists, EMHCs **who DO** take communion to the sick, Employed Staff etc.) – **Saturday 17th October 1pm-3.30pm.**

A NEW SEMINARIAN The Pastoral Director of Allen Hall Seminary, Father Antonio Ritaccio, has asked us to welcome another seminarian to the parish this academic year, as part of his pastoral formation. I am delighted to introduce Christopher Moraes, a second-year seminarian in formation for the priesthood for our own Diocese of Westminster. Christopher will be studying Philosophy, among other subjects, at Allen Hall, and will join us each Sunday as part of his pastoral placement. I had the privilege of working with Christopher at Westminster Cathedral, where he served as a sacristan, and I know that he will have much to contribute to the life of our parish. I am sure we will make Christopher very welcome and offer him a rich and rewarding year of pastoral formation as he begins his placement with us on 4th October. Please keep Christopher and all our seminarians in your prayers.

THE END OF MASS, HEALTH & SAFETY Please can we ask that you remain in your pews, in your spaces until the priest, deacons and servers have left the Altar at the end of Mass or liturgies. Please allow the servers an unblocked procession out around the whole of the church to the sacristy. The servers are carrying lit candles, with melted wax, and this request has come to me from parishioners and servers alike, for Health & Safety reasons, as well as good liturgy practices. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

VOTIVE CANDLES We are pleased to be able to offer stands around the church for the lighting of votive candles. Of late we have noticed that more candles are being lit and are not being paid for. There is a suggested cost of 30p per candle, which helps us to provide the candles for your use. You can pay for candles using cash in the boxes on the stands or via the contactless machines, using the choice ‘candles’. Also, due to Health & Safety, in line with our insurance, please do not bring and light your own candles or stack them one on top of other candles; please use only our candles provided. Thank You for your help in keeping our church site safe and secure.

ST. LAWRENCE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - By the Grace of God, celebrates their 3rd Anniversary and would like to invite all our Parishioners to the Celebration on **Saturday, 26 Sep at 7:00 pm** onwards in the Parish Centre.

CONTINUOUS ROSARY – Wednesday 7th October – The Malayalam community invite you to join them to pray a continuous rosary (1000 Hail Mary’s) from 10.30am-4.30pm for peace, well being, etc.

APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS – If you were unable to pick up a pack on 14th September, please see Florie after the morning Masses on Sunday 20/9/26 to collect a pack and to make an appointment to see either one of the priests.

APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION CLASS – To book an appointment to see one of the clergy for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) please see **Florie** in Church to get a pack on **Wednesday 11th November 2.45-3.45pm** and to make an appointment to see either Fr Mike or Fr Andrew.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A CCP IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL. THIS NOTICE IS IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO OTHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

YOUNG ADULTS’ PILGRIMAGE TO ROME A special invitation to all young adults aged 18–35 who may be interested in joining our parish pilgrimage to Rome in October 2027. When: 11-15th October 2027. Before we make a provisional booking, I need to establish the level of interest and determine whether the pilgrimage is viable. If you would like to register your interest, please email Fr Mike at michaelmaguire@rcdow.org.uk or the Parish Office as soon as possible. There is no obligation or commitment at this stage. Please check the notice board for more details.

NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED

Blessing on Graves: Sunday 1st November

Feltham Cemetery 1pm & Bedfont Cemetery 2pm

Hatton Cemetery 1pm & S.W. Middlesex Crematorium 2pm

Borough Cemetery 1pm & Hounslow Cemetery 2pm

Mass for Bereaved Families: Saturday 14th November at 6pm

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

12-13 Sept: Loose £1,574.54 Env. 287.50 Total £1,862.04

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