

## Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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### 4 February 2024

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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#### Masses & Intentions

Sat 3

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

Anita Visram RIP

**Sun 4**

9.30am

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

People of the Parish

11am

Joe Browne RIP

Mon 5

**St Agatha**

9.30am

*No Intention Requested*

Tues 6

**Sts Paul Miki & Companions**

9.30am

Bernard O'Neill RIP

Wed 7

*No Mass Today*

Thurs 8

**Feria**

**Day for Victims of Trafficking**

9.30am

*No Intention Requested*

Fri 9

**Feria**

9.30am

*No Intention Requested*

Sat 10

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

People of the Parish

**Sun 11**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**World Day for the Sick**

**Day for the Unemployed**

9.30am

*No Intention Requested*

11am

Arthur Caldwell Brown RIP

**Church Opening for Private Prayer** The church will open from 9.30am until 12noon on weekday mornings when there is a Mass.

**Our prayers are requested for those unwell:** Mary Birch, Margaret Chittick, Ann Gregan, Fiona Hopwood, Helen Lewis and Liza Maxwell.



**Anniversaries** We remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Anthony Fairclough, Christine Finch and Hilda Smith. May they rest in peace.

#### Parish News

**Monsignor Canon John – Celebration Drinks** Pope Francis has appointed Canon John as a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title *Monsignor*. The Parish Advisory Group will mark this occasion with a small celebratory reception for Canon John at their next meeting.

**Parish Census** 70% of parishioners completed the census during the Christmas Season. Thank you for your participation. Your census data is safely stored on our securely hosted web-based database management system [www.churchsuite.com](http://www.churchsuite.com). **Can we please encourage you to complete the census if you have not already done so**, by filling in the form which is available on our website [www.stwinefrides.org.uk](http://www.stwinefrides.org.uk). Please go to the 'About Us' menu and select 'Registering with the Parish': <https://www.stwinefrides.org.uk/registering-with-the-parish>. If you would prefer to complete a census form by hand, there are paper copies available in the narthex for you to take. Completed forms should be handed to Canon John or returned to the Parish Office and your details will then be added to our ChurchSuite database. We look forward to the new opportunities ChurchSuite will bring for communication in our parish.

**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programme 2024 (FRHC 2024)** The second session for registered children will be held on Saturday 24th February at 4pm in the hall. Please arrive in good time so that we can start punctually. Please pray for all involved in this year's FRHC Programme, especially our children and their families.

**Confirmation 2024** Registration Forms are still available from Canon John after Mass **but must be returned by tomorrow, Monday 5th February**. Parents of children in school Year 10 and above are invited to register their son or daughter for this year's preparation course. The exact format of the preparation will depend on who registers an interest and what we collectively decide is suitable for that group. Therefore, dates for future meetings and Confirmation Day itself will be determined in due course.

**Scripture Study/Prayer Group** meets again at 10am on Tuesday 20th February in the presbytery (1, Leyborne Park).

**Parish Choirs** Michael Bevan, our Organist and Choirmaster, is always pleased to hear from parishioners who would like to join the choirs so if you would like to get involved please contact him directly: 07901 947139 / [mrbb20@gmail.com](mailto:mrbb20@gmail.com).

**The Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVP)** exists in the parish to help those in need by providing companionship, transport, practical assistance and modest financial help. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact the SVP by email at: [svpkewgardens@gmail.com](mailto:svpkewgardens@gmail.com), or speak to Canon John.

**Lent Parish Alms-giving Project** The Parish Advisory Group with Canon John are proposing that the parish raise funds this Lent for the Friends of the Holy Land. This UK charity, of which Catholic and Anglican Bishops are Patrons, aims to support Christians in Gaza and the occupied West Bank (which includes Bethlehem and Jericho). Clearly, they are in acute need of every support we can give at this time. **Does anyone have any knowledge and experience of the life of Christians in the Holy Land that they could share at the parish fundraising evening on 26th February (see note below)?** Also, could you volunteer to help organise the fund-raising evening – refreshments, audio-visual, etc.? Please let Canon John or Julia, our Parish Secretary, know.

#### Lent Project 2024 – Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 26th February** A social evening of soft drinks and “Middle East canapes”, where we can hear several personal reflections to sharpen our knowledge and appreciation of the plight of Christians in the Holy Land.

**Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th March** The CEO of Friends of the Holy Land, Brendan Metcalfe, will speak at all Masses about the work of the Friends of the Holy Land and how we can help.

#### Proposed Parish Pilgrimages in honour of our two parish patrons

##### St Winefride's Well, Holywell, N. Wales

14th–15th May 2024. Evening meal and overnight stay in the Bridgettines guest house; Mass in their chapel; visit to the National Shrine of St Winefride and prayers at the well. Accommodation on offer is a mixture of single and shared rooms (double, twin and triple). Estimated cost £90 per person plus individual transport cost of car-sharing. About 35 people can be accommodated (with use of a neighbouring hotel if needed). **12 people have already booked a place and we need to know final numbers and possible sharing arrangements by tomorrow, Monday 5th February.**

##### Loreto (The Holy House), NE Italy

A longer-term project! Proposed for early May 2025: 4-day Pilgrimage to Loreto (Tradition of Mary's house in Nazareth, miraculously transported to this site in Italy) and Assisi. More details to follow in a few months' time.

**St Elizabeth's Nursery** warmly welcomes applications from parents seeking a place for their child in September 2024. Please contact the Nursery office on 020 8940 9141 or email [nursery@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk) for more information and to arrange a visit.

## Diocesan, Local & National News

**World Day of Prayer 2024** The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, inter-church organisation which through its Day of Prayer enables us to hear the thoughts of Christian women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns, and prayers. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries. Each year the service is written by Christian women from a different country. This year, it had been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. The theme of their service is ‘I beg you, bear with one another in love’. This service will be taking place on **Friday 1 March at 2.30pm at St Matthias, Church Road, Richmond, TW10 6LS**. Followed by Refreshments - tea/coffee and cakes. All are welcome. See posters in the narthex for more information.

**Message from The Archdiocese of Southwark's Education Commission.** *The Commission's*



*key strategy to support and protect Catholic education for the future is the development of Catholic Academy Trusts. If you believe in Catholic Education and have enthusiasm to work with our schools to deliver the best outcomes for our children and young people and can work strategically then you can make a valuable contribution to the Trust board of one of our Trusts.*

*Christ the Redeemer Trust is a new Catholic Education Trust, established to serve the Catholic schools in Kingston and Richmond Deaneries. The Trust will support schools by removing administrative burdens on Headteachers and Governors enabling them to concentrate of the quality of learning and experiences of the young people in their care. Expertise in HR, IT or systems is desirable, and the Trust is keen to attract Directors that reflect the parishes, families and schools it serves. Please contact Penny Pemberton at [pennypemberton@rcaos.org](mailto:pennypemberton@rcaos.org) for further information, or visit the [Education Commission website](#). See poster in the narthex.*

## Outreach in Time of Great Need

**Richmond Foodbank & Vineyard Community Centre** are always grateful for your donations. Boxes can be found in the narthex. To make a financial donation please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/vineyardcommunity>.