

## Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride

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### 18 February 2024

#### First Sunday of Lent (B)

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#### Masses & Intentions

Sat 17

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family RIP

Sun 18

**First Sunday of Lent**

**2nd Collection: Clergy Support Fund**

9.30am

People of the Parish

11am

Thomas Galvin RIP

Mon 19

**Feria**

9.30am

*No Intention Requested*

Tues 20

**Feria**

9.30am

Mariza Jane Pacho, In Thanksgiving

Wed 21

*No Mass Today*

Thurs 22

**The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**

9.30am

Int. of Tzena James (Birthday)

Fri 23

**Feria**

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

9.30am

*No Intention Requested*

Sat 24

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

People of the Parish

Sun 25

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**2nd Collection: CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

9.30am

(Children's Mass)

*No Intention Requested*

11am

Hannah Henry RIP

**Our prayers are requested for those unwell:** Mary Birch, Margaret Chittick, Ann Gregan, Fiona Hopwood, Helen Lewis and Liza Maxwell; and we hold in prayer at this time King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales.

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



**Anniversaries** We remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kay Carter, Frances Connell, Richard Cunningham, Thomas Flynn. May they rest in peace.

**Lent Reflections** Why not sign up for Daily Lent Reflections direct into your inbox from our Diocese's Spirituality Commission: [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk).

#### Parish News

**Lent – Spiritual Meaning & Significance** I was struck by the Preface I read at Mass on Ash Wednesday. These words are often missed or not properly heard as Mass moves on its way; so I reproduce them here as a succinct and inspiring summary of the meaning and value of Lent to us. The words (as always in the Preface and Eucharistic Prayer) are addressed to God the Father:

*For you will that our self-denial should give you thanks,  
humble our sinful pride,  
contribute to the feeding of the poor  
and so help us imitate you in your kindness.*

*Canon John*

**Clergy Support Fund Second Collection This Weekend**  
The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible. Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan the QR code. You can donate direct to FHL by telephone during office hours: Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504; or by using the Dona contactless machines in the church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



**Garden Clearance – Help Needed** *Thank you very much to those who have already come forward to help with this project. It would be even better if we could have a few more on the team:*

Are there any fit, strong parishioners who could join a team to help clear the garden at the back of the church? A skip has been ordered and help is needed on **Saturday 24th February, 10am – 12noon**. Many hands make light work and with a group of helpers onboard it should only take a couple of hours. Please contact Julia in the Parish Office if you are able to lend a hand 020 8940 3101 / [kewgardens@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kewgardens@rcaos.org.uk).

**General Collection Gift Aid** For the parish general collection, many donors have made the switch from numbered gift aid envelopes to standing order, and we encourage others to consider doing so. **For those of you with envelopes**, please ensure you let Teresa Chance know if your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax or if you wish to switch to standing order. You can contact Teresa via the Parish Office or directly on 07941 913282. **To New Donors:** please see the Gift Aid area of the parish website <https://www.stwinefrides.org.uk/gift-aid/>. **Please do consider setting up a standing order as your way of committing to your support of the continuing celebration of Mass in our church.**

Please contact Teresa directly if you have any questions. Thank you all very much for your generosity.

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

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** Commencing Friday 23rd February at 7pm and each Friday of Lent thereafter at 7pm (except Friday 8th March).

**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programme 2024 (FRHC 2024)** The second session for registered children will be 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.

#### Lent 2024

**Cancellation: Monday 26th February 7pm** This social event will no longer be taking place due to availability of speakers. However, we look forward to hearing from Sir Vincent Fean....

**Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th March** In the place of Brendan Metcalfe, Sir Vincent Fean will now speak at all Masses about the work of the Friends of the Holy Land and how we can help. Sir Vincent is an Advocate of FHL and is former British Consul General to Jerusalem.

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

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

Seventeen people will be making the pilgrimage to St Winefride's Well on 14th-15th May. We will be contacting attendees soon with details of arrangements for the trip.

##### 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.

**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.

#### Diocesan, Local & National News

**Sr Josephine on Prayer** The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham are hosting their next open meeting at St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham, on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm. *Sr Josephine is a Sister of Charity of St Louis. She has travelled widely throughout the world and held varied positions. For many years she was a headteacher. She worked in Israel and Palestine for the world Council of Churches and in Montreal for the Congregations leadership and administration council.* There will be a Mass beforehand in the Ordinariate rite at 7pm. A meal and refreshments will be served. Contact Fr Peter Andrews 07753 827967 / [peter.andrews.lon@gmail.com](mailto:peter.andrews.lon@gmail.com).

**World Day of Prayer 2024** is celebrated in over 146 countries. Each year the service is written by Christian women from a different country. This year, it has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. The theme is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'. This service will be taking place on Friday 1st 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.

**Grief in Loss: Hope in Christ** is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. At Aylesford Priory, Kent, March 22nd-24th, the weekend will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. The residential cost is £230 for a single, £210 for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Tel: 01622 717 272.

**The Annual Marriage Mass at St George's Cathedral** will be celebrated on 13th July at 3pm. Couples celebrating a special anniversary – one, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years – and who wish to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, should email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk).

**Richmond Foodbank & Vineyard Community Centre** are grateful for your donations. Boxes can be found in the narthex. The Foodbank are particularly in need of: coffee, jams & spreads, tinned fruit, fruit juice, tinned meat, pasta sauces, toilet rolls, shampoo, shaving cream & deodorants. To make a financial donation please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/vineyardcommunity>.