

Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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Easter Sunday (B)

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Masses & Intentions

The church opens 45 minutes before Mass

Sat 30	Holy Saturday
9.30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
	No 6pm Mass Today
8pm	The Great Easter Vigil
	Private Intention (Melissa & Stephen)
Sun 31	Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord
10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 1 April	Easter Monday
9.30am	<i>No intention requested</i>
Tues 2	Easter Tuesday
9.30am	<i>No intention requested</i>
Wed 3	<i>No Mass Today</i>
Thurs 4	Easter Thursday
9.30am	Paddy O'Donohoe RIP
Fri 5	Easter Friday
9.30am	John Furlong RIP
Sat 6	Easter Saturday
6pm (First Mass of Sunday)	
	Special Intention (Alexis Fitzgerald)
Sun 7	Second Sunday of Easter
9.30am	People of the Parish
11am	Angel Buenafe RIP

Church Opening for Private Prayer On weekday mornings, when there is a Mass, the church will remain open until 12noon.

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

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April, and there will be no weekday Masses during that week as Canon John takes his post-Easter break. The office will reopen at 10am on Monday 15th April.

Parish News

Easter Flowers There is a basket in the narthex for any donations you would like to make towards the Easter Flower arrangements in the church. Thank you to those who have already given.

Easter Offerings - Message from the Finance Committee The offertory collections taken during the Easter Masses are our personal offering to our Priest, Canon John. Please note that your March Standing Orders do not go to Canon John, so unless you make a specific payment at Easter he will not benefit. There are several ways you can contribute:

- By Cash / Cheque to St Winefride's: please place your contribution in an Easter Offering envelope (available in the narthex), including your name & address if you wish to Gift Aid, and post it through the presbytery door. Gift Aid envelope users can use their numbered "Easter Offering" envelope.
- By Card: please use the Dona machines in the church or the Dona link on our parish website and select the "Easter Offering" option.
- By Bank Transfer to:
Bank: Nat West
Account Name: RCAS Kew Gardens
Account No: 11721456
Sort Code: 60-07-20
Reference: Easter Offering

Canon John is very aware that this comes so soon after Christmas but these offerings represent a substantial part of his annual income.

Parish Census There was an excellent response to our Parish Census which was active during Advent and the New Year, with 220 parishioners submitting their details either via the online link to Churchsuite or by using one of the hard copy census forms. We have already begun following up with those who have offered to get involved in parish activities. Thank you for your co-operation in the census.

Property Update The remedial work necessary in the sacristy and flower room following rain water damage has now been completed. There will now be a pause before work on the remaining stages of the building programme begins. Current plans are that this take place in July, August & September. This will include a permanent ramp to provide step-free access to the main door of the church; an accessible WC in the area now used for the repository/church shop (a smaller space for the latter will be retained); improvements to the heating system; new

and additional light fittings; and a new sound system to address the problems with the church acoustic. Planning permission for the external works has been applied for (application reference 24/0592/FUL). There will be a demonstration of the sound system at weekend Masses during April or May; and there will be a display in the narthex giving an impression of the look of the new accessible WC. Comments on either would be welcome and can be given via the Parish Office or to Canon John.

Pastoral Message on the Question of Assisted Suicide
Copies of the Archbishop's letter are available in the Narthex for you to take.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programme 2024 (FRHC 2024) The seventh session for registered children will be on Saturday 20th April 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.

Scripture Study/Prayer Group will next meet at 10-11am on Tuesday 16th April in the presbytery (1, Leyborne Park). Please see poster in the Narthex for future dates.

Coffee, Cake & Chat! The SVP will be hosting a gathering in the church hall after Mass on Friday 26th April. Everyone is most welcome to pop in for some coffee, cake and a chat. Do feel free to invite a friend along, and if you would like to arrange transport, please contact the SVP in advance on 07930 339491 or svpkewgardens@gmail.com.

**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.

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.

Celebration Mass for Canon Brian Coyle Fr Brian, our former parish priest, invites you to celebrate Mass with him at St Winefride's to mark the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Mass will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 18th June and will be followed by a reception in the church hall. All are welcome.

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, or speak to Canon John.

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First Friday Lunch There will be no lunch in April (Easter week), so the next lunch will be on Friday 3rd May, 12.30-14.00 at the Avenue Club, The Avenue, Kew. Home-made soup & dessert, £5 a head, all welcome, bring your friends! If you are able to volunteer at the lunches or provide desserts, please contact Cindy on: 020 8948 8806 or firstfridaylunch@icloud.com.

Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on 13th July. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is 31st May.

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>.