



Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

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Masses & Intentions

The church opens 45 minutes before Mass

Sat 27

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

David Barnes RIP

Sun 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection: St George's Cathedral

9.30am

No intention requested

11am

People of the Parish

Mon 29 April

St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

9.30am

Christopher Land RIP

Tues 30

Feria

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

9.30am

No intention requested

Wed 1 May

No Mass Today

Thurs 2

St Athanasius, Bishop

9.30am

Joan Rundle RIP (Sandra)

Fri 3

Sts Philip & James, Apostles

9.30am

Haydn Webb RIP

Sat 4

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

Sonny Skrzypek RIP

Sun 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am

No intention requested

11am

People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays at 17:15-17:45.

Church Opening for Private Prayer Unfortunately, it will be necessary to close the church after Mass owing to increased security concerns.

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



Anniversaries We remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Joan Blackwell, John McDonagh and Pepita Lamb. May they rest in peace.

Second Collection Today: Maintenance of St George's Cathedral For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir. St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!

• Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral

• Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)

• Telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm:
020 7960 2504

• Cash / Cheque – please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church or you may donate via our electronic Dona machines.



Parish News

Spring Update from Canon John Please find attached to this newsletter a note from Canon John.

Confirmation 2024 Canon John has now emailed all parents who registered their son/daughter for Confirmation this year. If you submitted a form but have not received the email please contact Canon John.

Registering with the Parish Many of our parishioners registered with the parish when you completed the recent Parish Census. If you didn't take part in the Census or if you have recently moved into our parish we would encourage you to register with us via our parish website 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 registration 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. Your details will then be added to our parish database via www.churchsuite.com, our securely hosted web-based database management system.

Ministry of Welcome Please do consider joining our Team of Welcomers, particularly at the 9.30am Sunday Mass where we currently only have 5 parishioners on the rota. **It is a small commitment, offering a warm welcome to our church, handing out Mass books etc. and can be completed by individuals and families alike.** Please contact the Parish Office to add your name to the rota.

Scripture Study/Prayer Group will next meet at 10-11am on Tuesday 30 April in the presbytery (1, Leyborne Park). Please see poster in the Narthex for future dates.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programme 2024 (FRHC 2024) The ninth session for registered children will be on Saturday 4th May 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.

Children's Masses Thank you to all of the children and helpers for last weekend's Children's Mass. Our next Children's Mass will be at 9.30am on Sunday 19th May. If you would like your child to read or join the children's choir please contact the parish office.

Michael Bevan Piano Recitals, Saturday 18th May & Saturday 13th July On Saturday 18th May at 7pm in the hall, Michael Bevan will give a recital on the new baby grand piano in music by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Grieg, Chopin and more. Free entry with donations going towards the **St Winefride's Music Fund**. Duration: approx. 1.5hrs including interval with refreshments. On Saturday 13th July, 7pm, Michael will be joined by cellist Gideon Gray to perform a variety of music.

SVP Annual Mass for the Sick, Sunday 19th May at 3pm All are welcome, especially those with any kind of ailment and those who would like to pray for relatives or friends who are unwell. There will be refreshments afterwards in the church hall. If you need transport to or from the church for the Mass please contact Victoria Brebner on 07930 339491.

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.

Churches Together in Kew are delighted to announce their first event since Covid, which will be an ecumenical service of Evensong at St Anne's Church on Sunday 19th

May starting at 6.30pm for Pentecost. Canon John will be preaching at the Service. There will be drinks afterwards in the hall and everyone is welcome. Please spread the word!

Diocesan, Local & National News

Margaret Cabourn-Smith, The World of Entertainment

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham are hosting their next open meeting at St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham, on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm. *Margaret is a comedy actress and has had regular appearances on television. She has also performed extensively on the radio including The Penny Dreadfuls' plays and The Archers. Margaret recently had a major role in the very successful play 'Spike' by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. It was performed locally in the Richmond Theatre as part of its National tour.* 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.

First Friday Lunch 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.

How Beauty Draws Us Closer to God - Fr Patrick van der Vorst. Friday 17th May at 7pm, St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London. Fr Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. Fr Patrick van der Vorst is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and the founder of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available. See poster in the narthex.

First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 11am-4.30pm organised by The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London. See poster in the narthex for more details. Contact Millie on 07957 594646 for more info. Coaches from Ealing Broadway & Victoria. All welcome.

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>.

I HAVE BEEN YOUR PARISH PRIEST FOR EIGHT MONTHS!

I have been back at Kew for just under eight months. It seems longer, because many of us already knew each other and I have settled in quickly - thanks to you all. It has been like coming home and it is wonderful to be here again, now as your Parish Priest; thank you for the great welcome back you have given me.

So much is familiar, good and runs smoothly, thanks to the willingness and commitment of many parishioners: readers, Eucharistic Ministers, rota organisers, altar servers, flowers, children's liturgies, 1st Holy Communion preparation, offertory counters, finances, property, crib, Christmas trees, etc. The Parish Advisory Group, established by Canon Brian, has been great support in helping to look at the life of the parish and Julia, our Parish Secretary, has done so much to help me, to oil the wheels and support everything in our parish. So, thank you to everyone!

Many things are reassuringly still the same (e.g. the commitment of many parishioners to roles in the parish and the famous afternoon tea after the SVP Mass for the Deceased in November!). However, there are other important things that I believe we really need to improve on and need out attention. I have set them out in order of the priority I have perceived and on which I am working with the Parish Advisory Group, Property Group and Parish Finance Committee. They will all cost money! All projects are thoroughly scrutinised by the Parish Finance Committee.

We have benefited from past generosity and have inherited a wonderful place in which to praise God and share our Faith with each other and others; so, let us value and care for that space and have something to pass on to future generations at St Winefride's.

I am excited by all this and am eager to see it all happen as soon as possible, but realistically this is a three to four-year plan.

May God continue to bless our journey of Faith with him here in our parish.

Canon John

1. **The bad 'acoustics'** Every week I get complaints and visitors at recent funerals were very distressed at our sound quality. It has been a serious problem for many years. I have, therefore, sought professional advice and have established that we do not need to go to the expense of structural changes, deflecting sound boards, wall- coverings, etc., but the guidance is that we start from scratch and install a modern, efficient sound system to address the particular acoustic challenges of our building with up-to-date technology. **We will mount a trial of a new sound system at the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday 26th May to see what you think.** It is essential that we are able to hear clearly every part of the Mass, Homily, announcements and eulogies at funerals; and that is simply not the case at the moment.
2. I think it is high time we realised Father Tom's plans to provide **step-free access at the front of our church** to ensure accessibility for everyone unaided. These plans have already been shared with you and we are awaiting planning permission from Richmond Council.
3. Equally, we should provide an **accessible WC**. It is proposed that this will be situated near the church entrance, in what served as the repository. Plans will be shared with you all in the next few weeks. Modern materials will ensure a quiet and unobtrusive solution; I have seen examples of this in other churches.
4. The outdated and patchy **lighting** is not worthy of the fine building we have as our church and the Liturgy is currently badly lit. The property group is in consultation with an experienced church lighting company to provide a good standard lighting scheme.
5. Relatively modest expenditure will allow us to recommission the **fan heaters** already in the church in order to pre-heat the church before Mass (therefore no noise of fans during Mass).
6. Following all other works, the church will benefit from **re-decoration**, which will remedy various damage and staining to the plaster and paintwork, particularly at the back of the sanctuary.
7. Not forgetting the parish hall: **the vestibule, kitchen and WCs** need some tender, loving care and reworking.