

Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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17 March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

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Masses & Intentions

The church opens 45 minutes before Mass

Sat 16

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

Paul Newman RIP

Sun 17

9.30am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

People of the Parish

11am

Int. of Ann Buenafe

Mon 18

Feria

9.30am

George Howlett RIP

Tues 19

St Joseph

9.30am

Paul Chance RIP

Wed 20

No Mass Today

Thurs 21

Feria

9.30am

Welfare of Patricia Wright

Fri 22

Feria

9.30am

No Intention Requested

Sat 23

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

No Intention Requested

Sun 24

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

9.30am

People of the Parish (Children's Mass)

11am

Lesley Newman 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, Liza Maxwell and Rosemary Rogers; and we hold in prayer at this time King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales.

Stations of the Cross this Friday at 7pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) There are two remaining opportunities at St Winefride's for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Holy Week and Easter:

- 'Face-to-face' with Canon John in the sanctuary in front of the Tabernacle – Saturday 23rd March 10 – 11am
- In the Confessional – Saturday 23rd March 5.15 – 5.45pm

There will be no Confessions on Saturday 30th March, as on this day the Church mourns the loss of Christ after his Crucifixion.

Veiling of Crucifixes & Statues We have now entered the traditional period of 'Passiontide'. All statues and crucifixes are veiled so that there are no visual distractions from our pondering on the events leading up to Holy Week and the person and Passion of Jesus.

Parish News

The Parish Shop / Repository will be open every Sunday after the 11am Mass until Easter, for Easter Cards, Mass Cards and other items. Payments accepted by cash or card (via our Dona machines).

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.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programme 2024 (FRHC 2024) The sixth session for registered children will be on Saturday 23rd March 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 10am on Tuesday 26th March in the presbytery (1, Leyborne Park). Perhaps something for Lent! Please see poster in the Narthex for future dates.

Holy Week 2024 at St Winefride's

Palm Sunday, 23rd/24th March

Blessing of Palms at all Masses

Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9.30am & 11am

Sunday Masses gather in the hall for the Blessing of Palms and reading of the Gospel of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Monday in Holy Week 25th March

9.30am Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week 26th March

9.30am Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week 27th March

No Mass Today

Maundy Thursday in Holy Week 28th March

The Sacred Triduum begins at:

7pm **Mass of The Lord's Supper**, followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.

Good Friday 29th March

A Day of Fasting & Abstinence

No Mass is celebrated today

11am **Children's Way of the Cross**

3pm **Solemn Liturgy of The Passion**

Holy Saturday 30th March

No 6pm Mass

8pm **The Great Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday 31st March

10.30am **Easter Day Mass**

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.

Parish Choirs Our Organist and Choirmaster, Michael Bevan, is always pleased to hear from parishioners who would like to join the choirs. Please contact him directly: 07901 947139 / mrbb20@gmail.com.

Parish Finances: February 2024

Total offertory donations for February: £6,484.28. The breakdown is: Standing Orders into parish bank account £4,100; Contactless via devices in church & weblink on parish website £1,276; Collection plate in church £1,108.28 (includes cash/ cheques/ charity aid vouchers). The 'offertory donations' are the total monthly giving for the life of the parish. They do not include diocesan second collections and third-party collections which are forwarded to the diocese or the third party. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collections: Clergy Support Fund £220; CAFOD Family Fast Day £330.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

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.

Diocesan, Local & National News

Cabrini (12A) at Richmond Odeon Studio A Christian film showing from Friday 15th-Thursday 21st March, daily at 7.15pm. *Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini arrives in New York from Italy in 1889 and manages to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing, healthcare and schooling for the city's destitute orphans.* To view the trailer and to book go to: flicks.co.uk/movie/cabrini/.

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>.

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.