

Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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28 January 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Racial Justice Sunday

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Masses & Intentions

Sat 27

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

People of the Parish

Sun 28

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Sunday

9.30am

Andrew Mortimer RIP

11am

Niranjali Jayanetti RIP

Mon 29

Feria

9.30am

Anne Devine RIP

Tues 30

Feria

9.30am

No Intention Requested

Wed 31

No Mass Today

Thurs 1 Feb.

Feria

9.30am

Mary Wright RIP

Fri 2

**The Presentation of The Lord,
Candlemas**

9.30am

No Intention Requested

Sat 3

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

No Intention Requested

Sun 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am

No Intention Requested

11am

People of the Parish

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: Christopher Conway, Elizabeth Hampson, Roger Wenham. May they rest in peace.

Parish News

Monsignor Canon John Pope Francis has appointed Canon John as a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title *Monsignor*.

Crib Offerings Your crib offerings this year will go to help Christians in Palestine via Friends of the Holy Land. The crib will remain in the church until the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord, on Friday 2nd February.

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. **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. 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 first session for registered children will be held next Saturday, 3rd 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 available from Canon John after any Saturday evening/Sunday Mass **and must be returned by next Sunday, 4th 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 candidate for Confirmation should be attending Sunday Mass regularly for the preparation and the Sacrament of Confirmation to make any sense. 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 30th January in the presbytery (1, Leyborne Park) and the following meeting will be on Tuesday 20th February.

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.

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 and twin and even 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). **We need to know numbers and possible sharing arrangements by next weekend**, so please do email the parish office in the next few days, if you are interested.

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 for more information and to arrange a visit.

Diocesan, Local & National News

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 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>.