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This Newsletter Covers 2 Weeks as Canon John will be on retreat from 4th-8th March.

3 & 10 March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Parish Mass Book p.158

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday (B)

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Masses & Intentions

The Church opens 45 Minutes before Mass

Sat 2

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

People of the Parish

Sun 3

9.30am

Third Sunday of Lent

In Thanksgiving, Byrne Hill Family

11am

Holy Souls (Anna Shea)

Mon 4 – Fri 8

No Masses (Canon John on Retreat)

Sat 9

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

People of the Parish

Sun 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

9.30am

Monsignor Canon Martin Lee RIP

11am

Holy Souls (Anna Shea)

Mon 11

Feria

9.30am

No Intention Requested

Tues 12

Feria

9.30am

No Intention Requested

Wed 13

No Mass Today

Thurs 14

Feria

9.30am

No Intention Requested

Fri 15

Feria

9.30am

No Intention Requested

Sat 16

6pm (First Mass of Sunday)

Paul Newman RIP

Sun 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am

People of the Parish

11am

No Intention Requested

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; and we hold in prayer at this time King Charles and Catherine, Princess of Wales.

Stations of the Cross during Lent Each Friday of Lent at 7pm (except Friday 8th March).

Lent Reflections Why not sign up for Daily Lent Reflections direct into your inbox from our Diocese's Spirituality Commission: www.southwarkdsc.org.uk.

Parish News

Thank You from CAFOD *Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk.*

Lent 2024

Friends of the Holy Land Next weekend of 9th/10th March, Sir Vincent Fean, Advocate Volunteer, will visit our parish and speak at all Masses about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. Sir Vincent is a former Ambassador to Libya and was British Consul General in Jerusalem. He will share the impact of the horrific developments since 7th October on the Christian community in Gaza and elsewhere. There will be a second collection and Sir Vincent will bring some leaflets about the work of FHL. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk. Gift Aid envelopes are available now in the narthex.

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

Welcoming at Mass has been identified as a priority for our parish and it's something we do well. We are very grateful to the 3 parishioners who Welcome at 9.30am Mass on Sundays, and if we are to continue to offer a welcome at this Mass every week we need more parishioners to come forward and share the role. The 9.30am Sunday Mass is very well attended and this is a straightforward role, offering a warm welcome to our church, handing out Mass books etc. and can be completed by individuals and families alike. We are grateful to have 9 parishioners who Welcome at each of the 6pm and 11am Masses and we really need to have the same number for the 9.30am Mass. Please speak to Canon John or contact Julia in the parish office to add your name to the list: kewgardens@rcaos.org.uk / 020 8940 3101. Several people have already come forward – thank you!

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.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programme 2024 (FRHC 2024) The fourth & fifth sessions for registered children will be on Saturday 9th March and Saturday 16th 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.

Confirmation 2024 Thank you to those who have enrolled in this year's Confirmation Programme. Canon John has now been in touch with parents.

Scripture Study/Prayer Group will next meet at 10am on Tuesday 12th March in the presbytery (1, Leyborne Park). Perhaps something for Lent!

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.

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.

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>.

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**

Diocesan, Local & National News

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.

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 23rd-30th August 2024. To find out more join the Zoom chat with experienced pilgrims on 16th March at 11am: www.catholicassociation.co.uk/askanything; or for more information email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk. Register your interest at [www.catholicassociation.co.uk / chiefs@catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/chiefs@catholicassociation.co.uk). All are welcome.