

# Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride

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(A Parish in the Mortlake Deanery)

## 21 February 2021

### First Sunday of Lent (B)

#### Masses & Intentions

Sat. 20	<b>Feria</b>
6pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun. 21</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent (B)</b>
9.30am	Anthony Marron RIP
11am	Mary Moss RIP
Mon. 22	<b>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (Feast)</b>
9.30am	Veronica McCabe RIP
Tues. 23	<b>Feria of Lent</b>
9.30am	Fr Michael Albon RIP
Wed. 24	<b>Feria of Lent</b>
9.30am	Gloria Clifford-Holmes RIP
Thurs. 25	<b>Feria of Lent (St Ethelbert)</b>
9.30am	Soledad Macrohon RIP
Fri. 26	<b>Feria of Lent – Fast Day</b>
8.50am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am	Andy Connelly RIP
7pm	Stations of the Cross ( <a href="#">livestream</a> via YouTube, <a href="#">church not open</a> )
Sat. 27	<b>Feria of Lent</b>
6pm	Daniel Monaghan RIP
<b>Sun. 28</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent (B)</b>
9.30am	People of the Parish
11am	Deceased Members of the Shea families

#### Readings: First Sunday of Lent (B)

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Resp Psalm Ps24: *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Alleluia: *Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

#### Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

**Mass Intentions** Please do give plenty of notice if you would like Mass for a particular intention on a designated day. Of course, this does not apply in exceptional or emergency situations.

#### First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Our next session will be on Saturday 27 February 2021 at 4pm. Registration has now closed for this year's FRHC programme. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

**Livestream Masses** every weekday at 9.30am and 11am Sundays via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvvsj3giE0JemlLQxHvMT6g> or go to YouTube and then search Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride.

Current work in the presbytery may cause disruption to the feed on occasion. Apologies.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls** of Peter & Jean Coyle, Kathleen Sugrue, Jose Martos and Mina Gordon-Smith. Mina Gordon-Smith's Funeral Mass is on Friday 5 March 2021 at 12.15pm. Please remember that funeral congregations are limited to 30 under current restrictions.

**Our prayers are requested** for Mary Birch, Marie Decouto, Cybil North-Coombes, Sandra Newman and Leila-Rose Wood.

**The Special Collection for Fr Francis** raised £1,000. A cheque has been sent to Fr Francis as this was his request so that he can choose how to use the gift. We still hope to invite Fr Francis back to Kew when lockdown restrictions are lifted. Thank you for your generosity.

**Our church remains open for public worship** during the current lockdown. It is of vital importance that we continue to follow safe protocols as laid down by the Government and endorsed by our Bishops: HANDS- FACE- SPACE.

**The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is still suspended.** We should not feel 'guilty' if it is not safe for us to attend Mass in person. And there may be many reasons why it is not safe to attend Mass in person.

**The Crib Collection** for The Friends of the Holy Land raised £401.09. Very many thanks.

**Contacting the sick and housebound during Lent**  
Please do let Fr Brian know of any parishioner who would like him to contact them during Lent. Perhaps our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will know of some parishioners and we may be able to organise Holy Communion for them.

**Lent 2021** Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving open our lives to God and each other in new and wonderful ways. On fasting from the prophet Isaiah: *Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me – it is the Lord who speaks – to break unjust fetters and undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the person you see to be naked and not turn from your own kin? Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, ‘I am here.’* (58:1-9a)

**Fridays in Lent in the parish** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.20am and Stations of the Cross (online only) at 7pm.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** Fr Brian is usually available for Confession after Mass during the week. Don't hesitate to ask.

**The Gospel Acclamation** during Lent omits 'Alleluia' – so it's a bit confusing. At the end of the responsorial psalm (during the week) or second reading (on Sundays and Solemnities) simply stand and repeat the first line of the acclamation and then also at the end.

**Cafod Lent Appeal 2021: WALK FOR WATER** – we are invited to join many other people in walking 10,000 steps, every day or when we can manage, for the 40 days of Lent, to help eradicate water poverty. Visit [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk). It's a wonderful way to make our Lenten journey special this year. Were you able to take part in the BIG WALK FOR WATER on Saturday 20 February 2021? Perhaps many of us have been interested in current explorations for water on Mars. Yet there are still so many people on Earth who cannot take life-giving water for granted. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated. Go online to CAFOD (our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) or there are Freepost CAFOD envelopes for donations in the narthex.

**Cafod Family Fast Day Friday 26 February 2021:** it is a special day of solidarity with people living in poverty. By eating and living simply, and giving what you save, you will make a massive difference. So many more people, at home and abroad, are suffering increased hardship as a result of Covid-19. The same Freepost CAFOD envelopes can be used for this as well.

**Tuesday Zoom Discussion Group** From Tuesday 16 Feb to Tuesday 30 March we will be following a Lenten programme, using the CTS booklet *The Road that Leads to Life* by Pope Francis, as a focus for our reflection & discussion. New joiners welcome. Contact Teresa Chance via the Parish Office for more info.

**ALPHA – Come and Ask Life's Big Questions:** St Elizabeth of Portugal Parish invites us to join them in this Alpha course. Leaflets in the Narthex and see St Elizabeth's Church website for details:

<https://www.stelizabethschurch.org.uk/alpha/>

**Churches Together in Kew, Lent 2021:** St Anne's Church is running two Lent Discussions – **Faith in Time of Coronavirus** with Canon Nick Darby (Sundays 21 Feb–21 Mar 6.30-7.45pm via Zoom) and **For Such a Time as This** with Claudine McCreadie and Tina Ruygrok on the Christian response to climate change (Mondays 22 Feb - 22 Mar 2.30-3.30pm). Please see St Anne's website for further details.

**More Lenten Activities** – See posters in the Narthex & Newsletter Appendix on the parish website for: **Bishop John Arnold on Global Catholic Climate Movement**, **The Diocesan Spirituality Commission online retreat**, **Austen Ivereigh on Pope Francis' book, Let us Dream**, **Embracing Age on supporting care homes this Lent**, **Richmond Foodbank & Mary's Meals**.

**Some thought-provoking words on prayer:**  
*Prayer is a go-between linking us to God. It gives joy to the soul and calms its emotions. I warn you, though: do not imagine that prayer is simply words. Prayer is the desire for God, an indescribable devotion, not given by man but brought about by God's grace ...If God gives to someone the gift of such prayer, it is a gift of indescribable riches, a heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. Whoever tastes that food catches fire and their soul burns forever with desire for the Lord* (Pseudo-Chrysostom late 4th/early 5th century).

God bless you all this week. fr Brian