

Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride

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(A Parish in the Mortlake Deanery)

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The Baptism of The Lord (B)

Masses & Intentions

Sat. 9 6pm	Feria of Christmas Time Elene Espinosa
Sun. 10 9.30am 11am	The Baptism of The Lord People of the Parish Patrick Wright RIP
Mon. 11 9.30am	Feria Recovery & good health of Bryan Hunt
Tues. 12 9.30am	St Aelred of Rievaulx Private Intention
Wed. 13	NO MASS TODAY
Thurs. 14 9.30am	Feria Freedom from addictions
Fri. 15 9.30am	Feria Paul Capon RIP
Sat. 16 6pm	Commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wellbeing of Mrs Ronnie Ryan
Sun. 17 9.30am 11am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Winifred Bell People of the Parish

Readings for The Baptism of The Lord (please note readings for Year B)

1st reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Resp Psalm *Is 12: With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

2nd reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Alleluia: *Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming
towards him and said: This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: Mark 1:7-11

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.

This Week in the Parish Today we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**. It marks the end of the Season of Christmas. Our beautiful Christmas trees, wreath and decorations will be taken down for another year. They have helped us so much to celebrate the Nativity in such a prayerful way. Thank you to all our parishioners who have made this possible for us. We set out on what we call Ordinary Time but there is nothing 'ordinary' about the Christian life.

At the heart of the Christian life is the life of prayer. Part of this is the liturgical Cycle of Prayer. The Intentions for Ordinary Time before Lent are: Peace on Earth (17 Jan), Openness to the Word of God (24 Jan), Justice and Peace in the World (31 Jan), Christian Unity (18-25 Jan), The Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it (8 Feb), The Sick and Those who Care for Them (11 Feb), The Unemployed (14 Feb).

Livestream Masses continue at 11am on Sundays via our YouTube channel. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvvsj3giE0JemlLQxHvMT6g> or just go to YouTube and then search Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride.

Our church remains open for public worship during the current lockdown (Tier 5). 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

- Please sanitise hands on entering and exiting the church. Please follow the one-way system.
- Please wear a face mask in church. This is now law unless you are exempt (if you are exempt please display your exempt badge).
- Please receive Holy Communion on the hand only. This is authorised by the Holy See and our Bishops during a time of pandemic.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times.
- Please do not use the lavatories in the hall.

It is important to remember that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is still suspended. More than ever, we are aware of the centrality of the Mass in our lives. But 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 at the moment.

We owe a great debt of thanks to our stewards who are doing so much to keep us safe in ensuring safe protocols are in place and that the church is cleaned after each Mass. We also thank our Thursday church cleaning team for all they do – at this time more than ever.

Dr Malcolm Prentice's talk is available on our website: stwinefride.org.uk Thank you to Dr Prentice for his talk at the Masses last weekend. Please do read the text of the talk. We have to do all we can to minimise the transmission of this deadly virus. Our NHS is under colossal pressure. The Love of Christ urges us to do all we can to protect others and ourselves.

Parish Notices

Please remember in your prayers Fr Michael Boland and Fr George Webster who have died. Many in Kew will know Fr Michael. He was ordained in 1973 in Limerick and went on to serve in Dover, Downham and Sutton. His first appointment as parish priest was to Cliftonville (now joined to Margate as a parish) and latterly in East Sheen. He was very active in retirement and his illness this past year was very difficult for him. Fr Michael died on 4 January 2021. Fr George was ordained for Southwark and subsequently joined the Columban Fathers in 1968. He worked for many years in Peru. In more recent years he was parish priest of St Patrick's, Chislehurst West. He died on 29 December 2020 in the Columban House in Solihull. May they rest in peace.

Next Sunday, 17 January 2021, is Peace Sunday. In his Message for the World Day of Prayer for Peace, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'. Peace Sunday resources can be found at: paxchristi.org.uk

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18-25 January 2021 We hope to have a service livestreamed from St Anne's on The Green on 25 January 2021 at 11am. Further details to follow.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 has been prepared by the monastic community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The chosen theme is 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit' (based on John 15:1-17). The theme expresses Grandchamp's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Further details can be found on Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's website: ctbi.org.uk

The crib will stay in place until Candlemas, 2 February. Crib Offerings during the

Christmas period go to Friends of the Holy Land who help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. Copies of a beautiful crib prayer written by Pope Francis are available in the Narthex.

First Confession & First Holy Communion

Registration for 2021 is now open. Parents of children in year 3 and above (who have not yet made their First Holy Communion) are invited to email the parish kewgardens@rcaos.org.uk with the following information: your child's full name and date of birth, the school they attend and a home contact telephone number. If your child was not baptised at St Winefride's, we will need a copy of their baptism certificate by the end of January 2021. Registration is by email only. Many thanks and we all look forward to our young parishioners growing in their faith.

Presbytery refurbishment has now started and will continue until March. We hope there will be very little, if any, disruption to normal office hours etc.

Tuesday Zoom Discussion Group will be returning on 12 January.

Other Notices

Richmond Food Bank are seeking donations of food items (esp. biscuits, toilet rolls, pasta sauce, tinned meat & fish, tinned fruit & veg, long life fruit juice). Donations should be left in the boxes in the Narthex.

From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen (died 390) on the Baptism of the Lord:

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of all people, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fulness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

'He wants you to become a living force for all mankind' – what a wonderful invitation is given to us by the Lord! He invites each one of us, through our Baptism, to make Him known in our world. This is needed more than ever in these days. Thank you all for your witness. fr Brian