

MESSAGE FROM BERNARD WINN

A photograph of me and information about me were recently distributed by the Diocese in connection with the 'Clergy Support Fund'.

The photograph was accurate but the information about me contained several inaccuracies and some expressions which I would not have used.

What follows are corrections and amendments:

1. I was awarded a BA degree in Politics and Sociology by the University of Durham.
2. I was awarded an MA degree in Politics and Government by the University of Kent.
3. I spent ten years as a teacher; the last four years at St John Rigby School.
4. There is a town called Aylsham in Norfolk, which, perhaps, has a church called 'St John of the Cross', however, I was never parish priest there. I was parish priest of St Finbarr in Aylesham in Kent.
5. I would have preferred 'to administer Confirmation' to 'to do Confirmations', and 'I thoroughly enjoyed the study of Scripture' to 'I thoroughly enjoyed the reading of the Old and New Testaments'.

I was not shown a draft of the piece before it was printed.

GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST is a weekend retreat from **22—24 March** at Aylesford Priory in Kent, for those who have been bereaved. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. The residential cost is £230 for a single, £210 for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Tel: 01622 717 272.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team to work on retreats and occasionally on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested? Contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING: It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: Kim O'Brien (07711 757399) & Angela Pitcher (07818 516321).

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www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

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www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

NEWSLETTER



3 March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

MASS TIMES:	SATURDAY (VIGIL MASS)	6.00 PM
	SUNDAY	10.00 AM & 12.00 NOON
	MON, TUE, THU & FRI	10.00 AM
SYRO-MALABAR EASTERN RITE LITURGICAL SERVICE:	SUNDAY	2.00 PM—7.00 PM
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:	SATURDAY WEEKDAYS	10.30—11.00 AM & 5.00—5.45 PM BEFORE 10.00 AM MASS
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	MON, TUE, THU & FRI	9.00 AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS DURING LENT AFTER 10.00 AM MASS		

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Weekends of 3/4 & 10/11 March **FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

Wednesday 6 March **MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS**
7.00 pm in the Parish Hall

3 March 2024**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Sat	2	6.00 pm	Patrick Vaughan RIP & Deceased Relatives
Sun	3	10.00 am	People of the Parish
		12.00 noon	Baby Molly Ellen Butler RIP (10th) Anniversary
Mon	4	10.00 am	Mike Clare RIP Anniversary
Tue	5	10.00 am	Winifred Brennan RIP Anniversary
Thu	7	10.00 am	Mick Ayres RIP Anniversary
Fri	8	10.00 am	Frederick Frost RIP Anniversary
		10.30 am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10 March 2024**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Sat	9	6.00 pm	Eileen Pugh RIP
Sun	10	10.00 am	For All Mothers
		12.00 noon	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF Apolinario (Victor) De Menezes, whose funeral will be celebrated at St Christopher's on Tuesday 12 March at 12.30 pm. Please remember especially in your prayers his wife Maria and their family at this time.

Steve Lobo who died on Wednesday. Steve was a member of the Knights of Columba who meet regularly in the church hall. Please remember in your prayers his wife Jean and their family at this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH and remember their carers in your prayers.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

This year's Mission Appeal will be given at all Masses next weekend by The Spiritans (also known as The Congregation of the Holy Spirit).

10.00 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY:

Sung Mass today. Choir rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. New singers and musicians very welcome.

The Children are invited to go out to the hall for their own Liturgy of the Word.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass today. All welcome.

MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

A reminder that there is a meeting on **Wednesday 6 March at 7.00 pm** in the Parish Hall for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and for those who have recently volunteered for these ministries. This is a chance to meet each other informally as well as provide the opportunity for all to practise reading in the church.

FOODBANK COLLECTION—HELP ERADICATE FOOD POVERTY IN SUTTON

This weekend and next, donations of items of food may be left in the box provided in the church. Items most in need are:

Pasta Sauce • Sponge Puddings/Puddings • Tinned Fruit • Long Life Juice • Tinned Vegetables • Coffee (100g Jars) • Long Life Semi Skimmed Milk

Sutton Foodbank also welcomes cash donations which can be made via their website: <https://localgiving.org/charity/suttonfoodbank/> or, if you prefer, you can leave an envelope with your donation in the parish office.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE WELCOME TEAM

We are seeking volunteers to welcome parishioners and visitors as they arrive for Mass. Would you be willing to give 15 minutes of your time to greet people as they come into church, hand out Mass leaflets, newsletters and hymn books? If you would like to join a team to welcome people to Mass, or find out more about what is involved, then please contact Karen Jordan on 07922 147682.

LAUNCH OF ARCHBISHOP WILSON'S BOOK ON VATICAN II

Archbishop John Wilson has written a book, *Pondering and Praying Vatican II*, to help people understand Vatican II and what it means for our faith. There is a book launch at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm on **Wednesday 6 March** at Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George's Cathedral, Southwark. There will be refreshments and a short presentation and books will be for sale on the evening. All are welcome.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE EVENTS

The next Youth Day for ages 10 to 14 will be at Richard Challoner School, New Malden on **Saturday 9 March** from 11.00 am to 5.30 pm. The day will include faith input from Fr Samuel Burke OP, Eucharistic Adoration and praise, sports, games, and pizza. For details and to book, please visit www.tinyurl.com/scsyyouthday

St George's Cathedral hosts a monthly **Young Adult Mass** at 6:00 pm on the first Sunday of every month, followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+). There are also weekly events and socials on Thursday evenings. Details can be found on the RCAOS website, Facebook, and Instagram @stgeorgesya.

CARITAS 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—SATURDAY 16 MARCH

Please join Caritas Archdiocese of Southwark at St George's Cathedral for a Mass of celebration at 12.30 pm and a gathering afterwards in Amigo Hall when there will be an opportunity to hear from Caritas Social Action Network.