



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
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**Mass Times**

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am

*(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasions)*

**Reconciliations** - Saturdays 11-12 noon

**Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

1st & last Friday of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**25 FEBRUARY 2024**

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18, Romans 8:31-34,  
Mark 9:2-10

**THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - When we climb a mountain, the houses below gradually get smaller and the detail of our lives can no longer be seen. It gives us perspective.

Jesus saw the value of taking time out to pray and wanted Peter, James and John to have that experience too. The vision of Jesus talking to the great prophets, Moses and Elijah, puts their new faith story in context. Today we could thank God for the people who first inspired our faith journey.

Jesus took three disciples, so they could have a shared experience. Being a Christian is a community journey. So we could also thank God for the people who are currently walking with us and inspiring us. Who offers us a steadying hand when the path is steep or rocky? Who encourages us to catch our breath and enthusiastically points out the view?

Our special spiritual moments may not be as dramatic as the transfiguration, but they strengthen our faith. Feeling a deep peace, or unconditional love or forgiveness, or

being moved by something beautiful helps us feel fully alive and connected. It can be even more wonderful if we invite others to come and see something that we don't find easy to put into words.

This lent we're invited to spend time with God's beloved son, Jesus, and to listen to his word, and recognise him in others.

God gave the disciples a glimpse that Jesus would conquer death, that God's love transcends death. We cannot fully understand. We are sometimes in the cloud. But we come back down the mountain enriched when we journey together.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - LENT APPEAL - 2ND COLLECTION TODAY**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope, or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) and please join us in praying with James that our brothers and sisters around the world have what they need to feed their families.

If you would like to learn more about how CAFOD works around the world, and hear from some of the people involved, there is a CAFOD podcast available, **Voices of Change**, through the website, and wherever you get your podcasts.

### **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH**

For the new martyrs - We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### **MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

#### **July 13<sup>th</sup>, at St George's Cathedral**

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than May 31**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Forest Hill and please copy in the parish email [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

**MAY MILLER RIP**

A long standing member of this parish. May moved to the Isle of Wight a few years ago to be close to her family.

Please pray for May's family and friends at this difficult time.

**GERALD GUNASINGHAM RIP**

It is with great sadness we received the devastating news that Gerald died unexpectedly at his home last week

Please pray for Gerald and his family and many friends at this difficult time.

Gerald will be received into St. William of York at 5.30pm on Tuesday 19th March 2024  
Funeral to take place at 11.30am on Wednesday 20th March 2024

As a tribute to Gerald in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the parish over many years, we have received suggestions this week from a number of parishioners that we set up a fund to pass to the family in Gerald's memory.

If you wish to contribute to the fund, donations may be sent via cash/cheque payable to RCAS Forest Hill, via the contactless device in the Narthex via our secure website link <https://donate.mydona.com/st-william-of-york-rc-church> or by scanning the QR Code, or direct to our bank account

Bank: NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437  
Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Gerald/Gift Aid no



Please ensure all donations are cleared marked in memory of Gerald so we can easily identify them,

Gerald's family would be so grateful if anybody has photographs of Gerald that they would be willing to lend to be displayed at the funeral reception. Please email them to the parish [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) or post through the presbytery letter box. Thank you

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

## **BISHOP SHERRINGTON WELCOMES INTRODUCTION OF BABY LOSS CERTIFICATES**

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has praised the government's decision to allow baby loss certificates for parents who have lost their children before 24 weeks.

On 22 February the government launched the voluntary scheme which parents can access for free. [READ MORE](#)

## **MASS ATTENDEES**

3/4 February - 315    10/11 February - 272    17/18 February - 240

## **PARISH DIARY**

Sun 25 Feb 6pm	Confirmation session 3 Parents meeting	Church School hall
Tues 27 Feb 8pm	RCIA Gospel Reflection Refreshments afterwards	Church Lower hall
Wed 28 Feb 10am	Stitch up knitted squares	Cafe York
Thurs 29 Feb 8pm	Singers Practice	Church
Fri 1 Mar 9.30am	Mothers & Toddlers	Cafe York
Sat 2 Mar 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sun 3 Mar 2.50pm for 3pm	Eucharist 2 session	Church

## **FAMILY MASS**

Our next Family Mass will be at 9.30am on Sunday 3 March.

We hope to see many families at that Mass.

## **SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY 9 JUNE - PARISH FEAST DAY AND INTERNATIONAL DAY**

We look forward to this great day of celebration within our parish. Please suggest and advise us of any hymns in your language that we can all learn and sing together on the day. We encourage you to contact us as soon as possible so that we have sufficient time to learn and prepare. Please contact Maria Noronha from the music group, Fr Habte in person or Mary in the parish office, using our parish e mail or telephone number. We look forward to hearing from you.



## FINANCES

### JANUARY 2024

The monthly Offertory Collection - £1,823.54  
Donations for Pax Christi - £80.45  
Donations for Racial Justice - £237.62  
Donations for the Parish Crisis Fund - £616.46  
Donations for Fr Habte's Christmas Offering - £629.84  
From monthly standing orders we collected - £5,878.00

Thank you for your continued support  
Please Gift Aid where possible

### **SOUTHWARK PRAYER CAMPAIGN SEEN BY OVER 1.5 MILLION IN FIRST WEEK**

A campaign encouraging people to take up prayer by the Archdiocese of Southwark has been seen by over 1.5 million people in its first week.

[READ MORE](#)

### **WHY THE LORD'S PRAYER IS SO IMPORTANT TO US**

The focus of this Catholic News podcast is the Year of Jubilee in 2025, and the preparation year preceding it that we're currently living – the Year of Prayer. Pope Francis wants the Church to be prepared for the Jubilee Year with a particular focus on prayer, and what better prayer to use than the 'Our Father' that Jesus taught us [LISTEN HERE](#)

### **DICASTERY FOR EVANGELISATION OFFERS RESOURCE FOR YEAR OF PRAYER**

Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation has issued a new resource on prayer aimed at inviting the faithful to "intensify prayer as a personal dialogue with God" and to reflect on their faith and commitment in today's world.

[READ MORE](#)

### **"GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE": THEME FOR WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2024**

The Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has announced the theme for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme for this year will be "God walks with His people".

[READ MORE](#)



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**Saturday 24 February 2024**

**18:00** Kevin McGuinness RIP

**Sunday 25 February 2024**

**09:30** Fr Mike RIP

**11:30** Claire & Harry Bedding RIP

**Monday 26 February 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Kathleen Ryan RIP

**Tuesday 27 February 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Mary Dunleavy RIP

**Wednesday 28 February 2024 - Feria (live-streamed)**

**09:30** Gerald Gunasingham RIP

**Thursday 29 February 2024 - Feria**

**09:30** Private Prayer

**Friday 1 March 2024 - St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales**

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

**09:30** Charles Edwards RIP Anniversary

**Saturday 2 March 2024 - Feria**

**10:30** Rose Smith (FM)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**Saturday 2 March 2024**

**18:00** Assunta Campione RIP

**Sunday 3 March 2024**

**Family Mass**

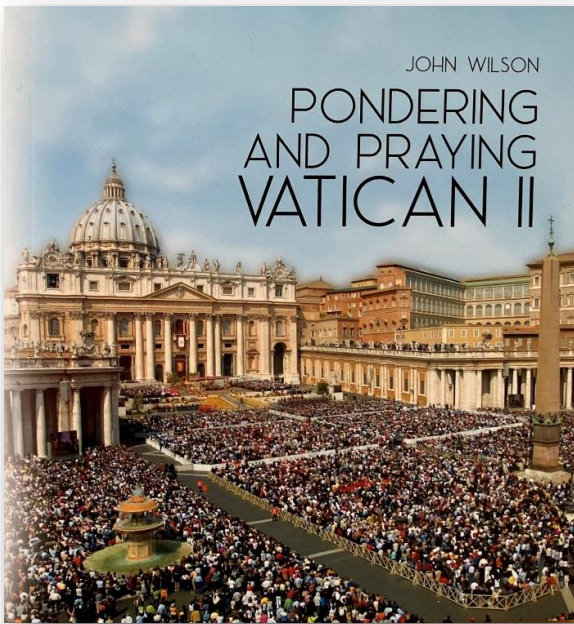
**09:30** Adrian McGurran RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)



# Book Launch

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
6.00pm for 6.30pm

Amigo Hall, adjacent  
to St George's  
Cathedral,  
Southwark, South  
London

## Pondering and Praying Vatican II

Archbishop John Wilson

Have you heard about Vatican II, and want to know more, but are not sure where or how to begin? Then this little introduction is for you. It will help you start a journey of discovery by pondering and praying some essential themes. Please do not be daunted. This resource requires no previous or specialist knowledge. It has been written for easy access to what the Church said at Vatican II, and what this means for our life of faith in the Body of Christ.

Although many people have heard of Vatican II, few have actually read or

considered the documents, not even the four key Constitutions. This resource offers an introduction to these main texts and their themes.

*Hopefully, Pondering and Praying Vatican II* will encourage more people to read the full documents for themselves. Significantly, it will help readers ask themselves what the teaching of the Second Vatican Council might mean for them and how they might pray in light of it. Anyone can begin these reflections and see where the journey leads.

*There will be refreshments and a short presentation*

*Books for sale on the evening, also available at*

*[www.PaulineUK.org](http://www.PaulineUK.org) and [www.Amazon.co.uk](http://www.Amazon.co.uk)*

# All Welcome



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# 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

*Mass & Celebration*

16 MARCH 2024

12:30PM MASS



MAIN CELEBRANT

**THE MOST  
REVEREND JOHN  
WILSON**



**ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

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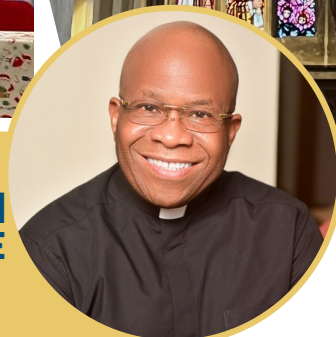
- REFRESHMENTS
- WELCOME ADDRESS FROM JOHN WILSON
- SPEAKERS INCLUDING:
  - RAYMOND FRIEL, CEO OF CSAN, OVERVIEW OF CARITAS ENGLAND AND WALES
  - JOHN COLEBY, CARITAS SOUTHWARK
- CARITAS UPDATES IN AMIGO HALL (2.00PM-4.30PM)
- Q & A SESSION WITH FOUR LOCAL PROJECTS
- NETWORKING

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THEIR WORK!**



CLOSING REMARKS

**CANON VICTOR DARLINGTON**  
• EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR THE  
SOUTH EAST AREA



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