



NEWSLETTER

The Vine and the Branches

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm



The Rector Writes...

BY FR TOM THOMAS IC

Fifth Sunday of Easter. Today's Gospel text is part of Jesus' "farewell discourse" during his Last Supper with his disciples, as found in the Gospel of John chapters 13–17. Jesus explains to his apostles how they and their disciples can carry on when he is no longer bodily or physically present. Jesus teaches the disciples through the parable of the vine and branches, that they are to unite their will to the life-giving Spirit of God who will be sent to them, will be present and active within and among his disciples and their followers. Once united with the Spirit of God, they will produce the fruits of the Spirit for the good of the world.

Pope Francis has appointed Mgr James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster. Since 2008 he has served as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories in Kensington. As Cardinal Nichols says: "Please keep Bishop-elect Curry in your prayers. Appointment as a bishop is a call to service in a new and demanding way. Let us accompany him with our prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination."

Today's Readings

Acts 9: 26–31; [9 am Mass only. Psalm 21. **Response: "You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly."**]; 1 John 3: 18–24; John 15: 1–8.

Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

Sunday's Music (11am)

Berkeley Missa brevis
Berkeley The Lord is my Shepherd
Moore Morning Prayers
Credo III, Regina caeli, Domine salvam fac
Organ Voluntary: Moore Fanfare

Music Director: Robert Patterson

"Beloved Together"

Is a initiative designed for couples to be married at St Etheldreda's; to help them develop a better understanding of the sacrament of Marriage. The first *Marriage Preparation* course will be held on Saturday 11 May 2024; from 10 am to 4 pm. We also welcome outside couples getting married this year from the Diocese of Westminster.

Thought for the week

Have a fear of the imagination, and do not give a hearing to its empty and disturbing judgements of things. Instead, walk always in the light of understanding. Jesus said, "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness". It is enough to have complete confidence in Jesus Christ to be utterly certain of victory over every enemy, and to arrive at the highest perfection, or, which is the same thing, at perfect happiness.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

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Dates for your Diary...

This year, we will be marking the 150th Anniversary of the Acquisition of St Etheldreda's church by Fr William Lockhart. Cardinal Nichols has kindly agreed to celebrate our 11 am Sunday Mass on **16 June** to remember the *Acquisition of St Etheldreda's*; followed by refreshments in the cloister garden.

On Sunday **23 June**, we will be celebrating our Patronal Feast of St Etheldreda's. There will be a *mini- Strawberry Fayre* in the cloister garden after the 11 am Mass.

All are warmly invited to both events.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on Sunday 5 May after the 11am mass. If you are interested in joining the coffee coordinating group, please email Anna on Anna.Joel@talk21.com or come and talk to us next Sunday. We are always looking for new members.

Furthermore, the proceeds from the coffee morning on 5 May will be donated to support: **CAFOD - Sudan Crisis Appeal**. You can also text Text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many 6 volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

Donation Appeal

Donation Appeal. We hope you will consider continuing to support St Etheldreda's. We are cutting costs where appropriate but it would be of immense help if you would consider supporting the parish by setting up a regular standing order. This can be done either by completing the standing order form available from the cloister table or through our parish [Diocesan microsite page](#). Individual donations can be made through either our Digital Collection Plate (DONA) that can be found in the cloister table

Feast of the Ascension

Thursday 9 May is the Feast of the Ascension of The Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 1 pm (English) and 6 pm (Sung Latin Mass).

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

14th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to The Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, Chapel of Reconciliation, Houghton St Giles, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6AL. On Saturday 1 June 2024, 11 am – 5 pm, Led by Marian Father. Contact: Divine Mercy Apostolate / Marian Fathers: 020 8998 0925, Millie: 07957 594 646, Emmanuel: 07721 362 000. www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

How Beauty Draws Us Closer to God

Fr. Patrick van der Vorst is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and the founder of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art. Fr. Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. The lecture will be on Friday 17 May 2024, 7 pm at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London; followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available.

Collections

9 am: -- 11 am: --
Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£363.37** (This figure does not include donations under the Choir Sponsorship scheme)

or our DONA webpage link - <https://donate.mydona.com/st-etheldredas-ely-place>.

If you are a UK tax-payer, please consider gift aiding your donation. Any donation you make will be increased by 25% at no expense to yourself. If you have any queries about how to donate please contact our Parish Administrator at enquiries@stetheldreda.com. Your donations will enable us to meet the costs of the day-to-day running of the Parish. Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

Sun 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
9.00 am
Frederick Reuter & Family GE
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 29th April 2024
St Catherine of Siena
1 pm
Fernandes Family RIP

Tue 30th April 2024
Easter Feria
1 pm
Olga Kuzmina RIP

Wed 1st May 2024
Easter Feria
1.00 pm
Elizabeth & Bernard Kelly RIP

Thu 2nd May 2024
St Athanasius
1 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Fri 3rd May 2024
Sts Philip and James
1 pm
Intentions of John Casey

Confessions

Monday–Friday after
1pm Mass; and at call.

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