



## PARISH NEWS

**Fr Gerard Balinnya:** Fr Gerard was discharged from hospital last Saturday 11th April. He had recuperated to a sufficient extent to no longer require hospital treatment. He is regaining strength every day and positive; his symptoms have lessened and he is able to have a conversation without it irritating his lungs and stimulating bouts of coughing. We continue to pray for his steady recovery from what was a severe bout of the virus. He is grateful for all of your prayers and best wishes and the news that he is better is an answer to prayer for which we are all truly grateful. Praise God!

**The funeral of Esme MacKay RIP** will be led by Fr Matthew this coming Monday (20th April) at which it will only be possible for there to be an extremely limited number of mourners. Please continue to pray for Esme and her family for whom the funeral is particularly difficult in light of the restrictions. After restrictions are lifted we will celebrate Mass for Esme as we will for all those who have died during this time and for whom we have been unable to celebrate a public Requiem Mass.

**Archbishop John Wilson speaks to us:** Our own Archbishop, John Wilson, has been regularly posting updates from his private chapel and the Cathedral via the Archdiocesan Facebook page. It's worth visiting and updating yourselves on the content he has produced. You can get there by clicking [here](#). Archbishop John has been working to strengthen our faith in the risen Lord both by praying with us and educating us about the liturgical celebrations we are sadly unable to share in together in our Church.

**LIVE streaming of Mass continues:** As we continue to celebrate Eastertide (it's a little longer than Lent: thank God! :-)) a reminder that we haven't left our online homes of YouTube and Facebook and are still streaming our Sunday and Daily Masses. You can click [here](#) to find the links through which you can join us for Mass. We are streaming a Holy Hour (Tuesday to Friday) at 08:30 which includes the Rosary at 09:10. Our daily Mass is 10am.

**Helping the needy:** We have been working hard to ensure that everyone who is in a vulnerable position; either alone or lacking support from others who can shop for them, are being helped. In doing this I've liaised with Lambeth Council who have great services for the vulnerable. If you know of anyone who requires basic assistance to prevent them leaving the house please get in touch with us and we can either help them directly or sign-post them. There is a helpline specifically for those over 70 years of age run by Lambeth Council which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

**Telephone support:** The clergy and the SVP have been calling those who are isolated and lack the support of friends and family. If you know of anyone who is in need of a call or who needs the sacraments urgently please do not hesitate to get in touch with us so that we can minister to them.

**The Food Bank:** The Food Bank wrote to the parish over a week ago to thank all of you who have been so generous in donating food items. Its centres are closed for visit (there is one drop-off) point. They still need cash donations (click [here](#)) and also different kinds of food which you can learn about from visiting the link [here](#) to know what is required.

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