

Please pray for the sick in the parish, especially: Bridie McGuinness, Monica Ryan, Chrissie Long, Eileen Gallagher, Kate McCarthy, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Dan McAlinden, Kevin Ashby, Mary Wallace, Kathleen Kitto, Dolly Beaumont, Maggie Knibbs, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £460 Standing Orders (weekly) £716

Panto Review – Although we are not doing a full-scale panto this year, we have decided to do a 'review' of the last four – with lots of singing and dancing. Rehearsals start on Sunday 15th October, 11.15am-1.00pm in the old school hall. For more information, please contact Jo in the Parish Office or email joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk.

National Mass for Altar Servers – Saturday 21st October, 2.30pm, Westminster Cathedral. Servers from all over the country will be present. If any parents of altar servers would like to help arrange a group to attend, please speak to Fr Andrew.

Sixth Form Admissions 2018 – if you have a child applying for a Catholic sixth form and require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, please contact Fr Andrew directly.

First Holy Communion 2018 Application forms are now available online for those children beginning school year 3 and whose parents wish them to prepare for First Confession and First Holy Communion next year. The programme will begin in January with the First Communion Mass taking place during the month of May. Please go to the parish website for more information and to register:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/fhc/>

Infant Baptism Parents, and soon-to-be parents: you have an obligation in faith to Baptise your children as soon as possible after birth. To begin the process of arranging for Baptism, please fill in the form online:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/baptism/>

Bingo for the over 50s – Next Bingo Tuesday 10th October.

Carmelite Prayer Group – Next meeting is Monday 16th October at 7.30pm in the sacristy.

Altar Servers' Training:

Sunday 5th November, 11.30am-12.30pm, for all current altar servers.

Sunday 12th November, 11.30am-12.30pm, for new altar servers. Your child must have made their First Holy Communion. More details to follow.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 8th October 2017

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 7	6.30pm	Peggy and Harry Paris
Sun 8	10.00am	
	6.30pm	Daniella Gappy
Mon 9	9.00am	
Tue 10	9.00am	
Wed 11	-	NO MASS
Thur 12	9.00am	
Fri 13	6.30pm	
Sat 14	6.30pm	Des O'Neill
Sun 15	10.00am	
	6.30pm	

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 6.00pm

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist: No adoration this week

Safeguarding

Parish Safeguarding Representative is Arianna Sommariva: 07812 965116

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'A WARM WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH'



FR ANDREW WRITES:

Our parish has very few Mass intentions, so I thought I would write to answer some questions about them and to encourage you to arrange for Mass to be offered:

Why have intentions at Mass? The Mass makes present the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. There is no greater prayer, because the Mass is the perfect offering of the Son of God to his Father. That prayer may be offered for a particular intention.

Who can offer up an intention at Mass? Any Catholic may offer up the Mass in which he or she participates for any good intention. Graces will accrue according to the intensity of your participation and your sincerity.

How is that different to the priest's intention at Mass? It is the priest who offers the sacrifice of the Mass. He acts *'in persona Christi'* ('in the person of Christ'), and so special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular intention.

Why is there only one intention for each Mass? The Mass has an infinite value so there is no limit to the number of intentions that can be offered. The priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Just like everyone else, he might also have his own personal and private intentions. However, the Mass is a sacred treasure and not a means of raising money, so the Church has very strict laws that restrict the priest to only accepting a single stipend for each Mass.

For whom can Mass be offered? Is it only for Catholics? Mass can be offered for anyone, or any number of people, living or dead, with some exceptions. They do not have to be Catholics, but the offering must not cause scandal to the faithful, and it must not be for an intention that offends against Christian sentiment. You can also ask for Mass to be offered for a "private intention" if you do not want the recipient known.

For what is Mass commonly offered? You might think of offering Mass when someone dies, and on their anniversary each year; on a birthday, to ask for God's help in the year to come; when a friend or family member marries, or celebrates a particular milestone in life, or is going through a difficult time; or for any other intention.

Do I have to be present at the Mass? No, when you arrange for Mass it is the priest who makes the offering. You might try to be present, though, to add your own prayers and your own offering of the same Mass for the intention you requested.

What happens to the stipend? How much is it? Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation, but the diocese recommends £10. A priest's salary each year (which is not a lot!) comes from Mass stipends, offerings for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and the Christmas and Easter collection.

How do I arrange for Mass to be offered? Contact Lucy in the Parish Office, or use the envelopes at the back of church. If you have a particular date in mind, please leave your contact details in case there is already an offering on the same day.

No one can "buy a Mass". The "Mass intention" refers to the interior intention of the priest when he offers the Mass. It is done to obtain special graces for that intention. Mass is the sacrifice of Christ and is of infinite value. It does not "belong" to anyone.

There are lots of opportunities missed at the moment while we have so few intentions. Please make use of them! God bless, Fr Andrew.

NOTICES

Census – If you have been away and have still not filled in a census form, please do so today before you leave the church. You can hand the forms to Fr Andrew, or drop them through the letterbox at the presbytery (Dundee Street).

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Collection this weekend Last Friday was Harvest Fast Day. Please return your Fast Day envelope this weekend, with your donation to CAFOD. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary – the Rosary will be prayed on Friday evenings at 6.10pm, before the evening Mass. There is a plenary indulgence attached to the public recitation of the Rosary. Please come and join in.

Prisoners' Sunday – today we are asked to pray especially for prisoners and their dependents. As we have seen recently, the prison system in our country is struggling. The Church, through a charity called Pact, supports those in prison, their families, and helps those leaving prison to establish themselves and lead crime-free lives. There are leaflets at the back of church with a prayer and more information.

No food in church – even for your children. Please teach them that the church is a sacred space and the only food consumed here is the Holy Eucharist. Please try to keep our church tidy: our cleaners are volunteers, and they are having to clear and sweep away too much mess after each weekend.