

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Times and Intentions:

SAT 2 Dec	6.30pm		<i>Gary Conlon RIP</i>
SUN 3	10.00am	1 st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>Albert, Emily & Elizabeth Vorley RIP</i>
	6.30pm		<i>Alan Jennings RIP (Birthday)</i>
MON 4	9.00am	Advent Feria	<i>Holy Souls</i>
TUE 5	9.00am	Advent Feria	<i>Holy Souls</i>
WED 6	9.00am	Advent Feria	<i>Kevin Ashby (Ints)</i>
THU 7	9.00am	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	<i>Therese & Hannah (Ints)</i>
FRI 8	6.30pm	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Patron of the Diocese	<i>Phyllis Perris RIP</i>
		<i>No Friday abstinence</i>	
SAT 9	6.30pm		<i>Kath & Tom Leek RIP</i>
SUN 10	10.00am	2 nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6.30pm		<i>Dennis & Martin Griffin RIP</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 6.00pm

(Confession): Sunday 6.00pm

Adoration of the Sunday 5.45-6.15pm

Blessed Sacrament: Monday 9.30-10.00am

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick

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(Day off: Wednesday)

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

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

Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £530, Standing Orders (weekly) £482

FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Last Things: Week Four

Advent is upon us once again, and a new year in the Church. We will be reading mostly from the Gospel of Mark at Sunday Mass for the next twelve months. The beginning of the year dovetails with the end, in that the first two weeks of Advent are not about Christmas, and Christ's First Coming as the Babe of Bethlehem, but about his Second Coming at the end of time. That's the *adventus*, the "coming" for which we prepare. For that we are told in the Gospel: Stay awake! To summarise our theme from the last weeks:

After we die our soul, the spiritual principal that endures after death, goes before God. In the **Particular Judgement**, our eternal destiny is decided: a life shared spiritually with God or not. **Heaven** describes that state of spiritual communion with God, and **Hell** the state of spiritual separation from God. Neither are physical places. Some, or many, of us will not be ready for spiritual communion with God. In that case we must go through a process of change which we call **Purgatory**, until we are perfectly self-giving and ready for heaven.

Paradise will then come when this world comes to an end, and is lifted up by God and remade. On that Last Day will be the **Resurrection of the Dead**, when we are made whole again, body and soul, ready to take our place in God's kingdom if we were chosen for it. On that day will be the **Final Judgement** in which the whole truth of ourselves will be laid bare.

None of this should frighten us. We should look forward to it! God bless, Fr Andrew.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1038: *The resurrection of all the dead, "of both the just and the unjust" (Acts 24:15), will precede the Last Judgment. This will be "the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear the Son of man's voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment" (John 5:28-29).*

1039: *In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare (Cf. John 12:49). The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life.*

NOTICES

Christmas Carol Concert – Tuesday 12th December, 7.30pm, with the Collaborative Orchestra and followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone is welcome!

Advent Confessions and Adoration – Beginning next Sunday, there will be Confessions at 6pm on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. On Sundays, there will also be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.45-6.15pm. Please try to come a little early to Mass to pray before the Real Presence of the Lord who loves and desires you. It's a good Advent preparation for Christmas!

Wapping Posada – A popular pre-Christmas devotion in Latin America. Each evening from the **9th to 23rd December** we are inviting parishioners to welcome Mary, Joseph and the donkey into their homes. Sign up for a day, welcome Joseph and Mary into your home for the night and then take them to the next family. The figures will return to church for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Would you be able to offer them a room for the night? To put your name down please see the parish website and follow the instructions online:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/posada/>

'Give a Present' for a prisoner's child this Christmas, in partnership with PACT. There are two Christmas trees at the back of church decorated with gift tags. Each tag will have a name and age. Please take one and buy an appropriate gift, max £10. You will ensure that a child with a parent in prison will receive a present this year. You may use a gift bag, but please do not wrap any items as they will need to be security checked. Please return all gifts to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday 12th December, for distribution in time for Christmas.

Pantolooney – Our sparkling new review of the very best and favourite songs and sketches from past shows: **Sunday 10th December** at **2pm** and **5.30pm**. Don't miss a fun and fabulous performance. Tickets on sale now from the Parish Office, or see Joann after the 10am Mass (Adults £6, Children and OAP's £3, under 3's free).

Pensioners' Christmas Party - We are delighted to have State Street Bank once again help us host our pensioners' party on **Thursday 14th December, 12.15pm**. As in previous years, they will help on the day with serving and once again the company will very generously provide lovely Christmas gifts for all. If you would like to come along, or invite someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 020 7481 2202.

GIVE TO ST PATRICK'S BY TEXT: TEXT PARISH STPAT TO 70800 TO GIVE £5 AUTOMATICALLY. THIS AMOUNT WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR PHONE BILL. AN EASY WAY TO TOP-UP YOUR OFFERING, OR GIVE IF YOU'RE VISITING OR HAVE NO CASH. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

No Friday abstinence! – Friday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a great feast, so there is no abstinence from meat that day.

Support Catholic schools – The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the 50% admissions cap which has prevented us opening any new Catholic schools. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now they intend to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Please visit the website to sign an online petition to urge the government to change their policy:

<http://catholicnews.org.uk>

Certificates of Catholic Practice – required for applications to Catholic schools for a place in Nursery or Reception in September 2018. For instructions, and to book an appointment with Fr Andrew, please see the parish website:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/ccp-primary/>

English Martyrs Primary School – Open days at the school for the nursery and reception intake for September 2018 will take place each Friday morning in term time throughout the months of November and December, 9.30-11.00am.

Bingo for the Over 50's – Next Bingo Tuesday 5th December.

Carmelite Prayer Group – Next meeting is Monday 4th December at 7.30pm in the sacristy.

HURTADO JESUIT CENTRE (2 Chandler Street, E1W 2QT)

We are very fortunate to have the Hurtado Jesuit Centre in our parish.

Please take advantage of their talks and reflections to give yourself an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

'A Post Truth World' – Series of talks beginning with 'What is truth?' by Fr John Moffatt SJ on Tuesday 5th December, 7.30-9.00pm. Suggested donation £10. Book your place:

welcome@hurtadocentre.org.uk

Saturday Reflection Morning – Saturday 9th December, 10am-12.30pm. Coffee, pastries, time to pray, a talk and time to reflect alone and in groups. The next talk will be led by Fr Mike Smith SJ and is entitled 'God among us'. Suggested donation £5.

In light of the Data Protection Act 1998, **please indicate on entering hospital** that you are a Roman Catholic, would like your details to be passed to the Chaplaincy, and would like the Roman Catholic Chaplain to visit you.