

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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15th April 2018

SAT 14 Apr	6.30pm		Molly Carroll (RIP)
SUN 15	10.00am	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Sandra Esqualant & Family
MON 16	9.00am	Easter Feria	Michael Smith (RIP)
TUE 17	9.00am	Easter Feria	Private Intention
WED 18	9.00am	Easter Feria	Mary Kay Win (RIP) Sarah Joseph & Anderson (Ints)
THU 19	9.00am	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	Therese & Hannah (Ints)
FRI 20	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Private Intention
SAT 21	12.30pm	Memorial Mass for Canon Digby Samuels RIP (Bishop Hudson)	
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 22	10.00am	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday)	Vocations to the Priesthood
	6.30pm		Christine Snook (RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 6pm

(Confession): Sunday 6pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday 5.45-6.15pm

(with Benediction): Monday 9.30-10.00am

Rosary: Saturday 6pm

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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(Day Off: Wednesday)

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PARISH OFFICE:

Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri, 10am-2pm

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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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, Mary Wallace, Kathleen Kitto, Dolly Beaumont, Chriss & Ravindhra Kumar, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £471.92 Standing Orders (weekly) £508.47

FR ANDREW WRITES:

This week the Holy Father, Pope Francis, published a new apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world, entitled '*Gaudete et exsultate*' ('*Rejoice and be glad*'). These are the words of the Lord Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, and the Holy Father wants to remind us that we are each called to be holy, to be a saint.

Holiness is available to each of us in our everyday lives. We each have our own path to holiness, and we will find it only by being fully ourselves. To achieve that goal requires God's grace, especially through the sacraments, and heroic effort on our part to be kind, especially by avoiding gossip, judgement of others, defamation and cruelty.

It's not a short letter, but easy to read. You can find it online:

catholicchurch.org.uk/Home/News/Gaudete-et-Exsultate

With my prayers and blessings, and wishing you a continued happy Easter, Fr Andrew.

Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 11. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. 1 Cor 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness.

14. To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

NOTICES

The new planned giving envelopes are available this weekend. Please see the volunteers in the sacristy after Mass who will ensure you are given your envelopes. If you would like to sign up for planned giving envelopes or a standing order for the parish, you can collect forms from the sacristy or they are available on the website.

Priest Training Fund collection next Sunday – Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There will be a retiring collection for the Priest Training Fund. You should find an envelope attached to your newsletter. Please bring it back with you to Mass next weekend.

The London Marathon takes place next Sunday, 22nd April. The Highway forms part of the route, and there are only isolated periods in which it will be possible to drive in or out of Wapping. Pedestrians may cross, and the underpass at Glamis Road will be open. Please make plans for Masses next weekend. Also, Fr David Reilly is running in the marathon. Keep him in your prayers.

Adult Confirmation – Confirmation completes the process of Christian initiation that begins at Baptism. If you missed out on Confirmation for any reason, please contact Fr Andrew. We will hold a short period of preparation beginning in the next few weeks, and arrange for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated.

Memorial Mass for Canon Digby Samuels, Saturday 21st April, 12.30pm – Bishop Hudson will visit the parish to celebrate a month's mind memorial Mass for Fr Digby, followed by refreshments in the old school hall. The memorial book will remain at the back of church for you to add comments and pictures until that day.

Easter Lunch for the Over 50's, Monday 16th April, 12noon, hosted by Pollyanna Training Theatre and kindly funded by the Northern Trust Bank. Places are limited. Please call 07949 792570 to reserve your place. **Very limited spaces still available.**

Victory, Sunday 6th May, 11.45am in the old school hall, reflecting on our Lord's Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven with music and dance. Presented by St Patrick's Youth Drama. All welcome. Although St Patrick's Youth Drama will be continuing, this is our final co-production with our mentor and advisor Fr Digby and as such is dedicated to him.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 21st-29th November 2018, led by Bishop John Wilson with Fr John Farrell OP as guide. Staying in Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. £1549 per person, incl. flights, transfers, hotels, all meals, entrance fees and gratuities, based on two people sharing. For a draft itinerary, please email Fr Andrew.

Garden Volunteers Needed – Throughout Spring and Summer we are in urgent need of volunteers in the CAFOD Kitchen Garden. The proceeds from the fresh produce go to an excellent cause. Basic help with watering and weeding or selling after Mass on Sundays or help with any other of the many garden tasks. *You don't have to be green fingered. No experience required.* Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

GIFT AID: If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. If every eligible parishioner registered, we would receive an **extra £6000 a year**, at no extra cost to you. To register for Gift Aid, please contact the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please email Jamie Monehen: j.monehen@btopenworld.com

REGULAR EVENTS

Church Cleaning – Saturday 21st April, 10am, Beryl's team. Please come and help if you can.

Carmelite Prayer Group – Next meeting to be confirmed.

Tuesday Morning Tea/Coffee – After 9am Mass on Tuesday. All welcome.

Bingo for the Over 50's – Next bingo Tuesday 17th April.

HURTADO JESUIT CENTRE

2 Chandler Street, E1W 2QT hurtadocentre.org.uk

'Freedom of the Spirit', Saturday Reflection Morning, 28th April, 10am-12.30pm, with Fr Philip Harrison SJ. Tea, coffee, pastries, time to pray and reflect. Suggested donation £5.

'Dark Matter to Bright Faith', 5th and 6th May, 10.30am-4pm. A course for anyone interested in science and how it links with faith. Over the two days speakers will explore how a scientific worldview leads to an understanding of God. Suggested donation £40. More details: www.living-theology.uk

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Saturday 19th May 2018, 3pm, Westminster Cathedral – The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your details to Lucy or Fr Andrew.

REGULAR NOTICES

Sick and Housebound Parishioners – If you know of any parishioners who are now unable to come to Mass, please let Fr Andrew know so he can arrange to visit them and organise for them to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Getting Married? – Six months' notice is required for marriage. If you live in Wapping but are planning to marry elsewhere, even in your home country, you need to see Fr Andrew at least six months beforehand. This is very important!

Interested in Catholic Faith – If you not a Catholic but interested in finding out more about Catholic faith, please get in touch with Fr Andrew directly.

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.

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Caritas Kingsland Saturday Club, for people with learning difficulties and additional needs, and their families. Third Sunday of each month at the church hall of Our Lady and St Joseph, 100a Balls Pond Road, London N1 4AG. Next meeting 18th March, 1-3pm. For more information contact Gerald McEnergy 07989 895257.

MASS INTENTIONS: To arrange for Mass to be offered for a particular intention (birthday intentions, marriage, healing in sickness, healing of family, recently deceased or anniversary of death, etc.) please use the small envelopes at the back of church, or contact the Parish Office. The usual donation for Mass is £10. Mark as "Private Intention" if you do not want the name published in the newsletter.

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 TO GIVE IF YOU'RE VISITING OR HAVE NO CASH. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!