

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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13th May 2018

SAT 12 May	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 13	10.00am	+ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Margaret Harries (RIP)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 14	9.00am	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	Margaret Clark (RIP)
TUE 15	9.00am	Easter Feria	Maureen McGrath & Family (Ints)
WED 16	9.00am	Easter Feria	The Mission of the Parish
THU 17	9.00am	Easter Feria	Artist Community (Ints)
FRI 18	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Monica Clark
SAT 19	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 20	10.00am	+ PENTECOST SUNDAY	First Holy Communion children
	6.30pm		Private Intention

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

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

This Sunday is World Communications Day, when we pray for those who work in the media. Pope Francis's message has as its theme: *'The truth will set you free'* (John 8:32) – *Fake news and journalism for peace*. Here is a small extract:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Communication is part of God's plan for us and an essential way to experience fellowship.

Made in the image and likeness of our Creator, we are able to express and share all that is true, good, and beautiful. We are able to describe our own experiences and the world around us, and thus to create historical memory and the understanding of events. But when we yield to our own pride and selfishness, we can also distort the way we use our ability to communicate. This can be seen from the earliest times, in the biblical stories of Cain and Abel and the Tower of Babel (cf. Gen 4:4-16; 11:1-9). The capacity to twist the truth is symptomatic of our condition, both as individuals and communities. On the other hand, when we are faithful to God's plan, communication becomes an effective expression of our responsible search for truth and our pursuit of goodness. [...]

The best antidotes to falsehoods are not strategies, but people: people who are not greedy but ready to listen, people who make the effort to engage in sincere dialogue so that the truth can emerge; people who are attracted by goodness and take responsibility for how they use language. If responsibility is the answer to the spread of fake news, then a weighty responsibility rests on the shoulders of those whose job is to provide information, namely, journalists, the protectors of news.

In today's world, theirs is, in every sense, not just a job; it is a mission. Amid feeding frenzies and the mad rush for a scoop, they must remember that the heart of information is not the speed with which it is reported or its audience impact, but persons. Informing others means forming others; it means being in touch with people's lives. That is why ensuring the accuracy of sources and protecting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust, and opening the way to communion and peace.

I would like, then, to invite everyone to promote a journalism of peace. By that, I do not mean the saccharine kind of journalism that refuses to acknowledge the existence of serious problems or smacks of sentimentalism. On the contrary, I mean a journalism that is truthful and opposed to falsehoods, rhetorical slogans, and sensational headlines. A journalism created by people for people, one that is at the service of all, especially those – and they are the majority in our world – who have no voice. [...]

You can read the full message here:

catholicchurch.org.uk/Home/Featured/World-Communications-Day

'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, Ravindhra Kumar, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

And for the recently deceased, and their families: Margaret Clark.

Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £520.28 Standing Orders (weekly) £508.47

NOTICES

Retiring collection this Sunday for the Catholic Communications Network, which provides professional support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. They deal with media enquiries and seek to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching.

First Holy Communions will be celebrated at 10am Mass this Sunday and next. Please remember the children in your prayers.

Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday 3rd June after 10am Mass. Corpus Christi is the feast of the “Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord”, a celebration of Christ’s gift of the Eucharist (the Mass) to us. After Mass we will carry the Blessed Sacrament in procession around Wapping Gardens, led by the children who will have made their First Holy Communions, and end with Benediction. Even if you attend a different Mass that Sunday, please come at 11am to join the procession.

This procession will fulfil a request made by the bishops of England and Wales that every parish should organise some form of public Eucharistic celebration this year to mark the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September. It is 100 years since the last National Eucharistic Congress.

Help needed – Fr Andrew is looking for the following help:

- Readers for Sunday Mass.
- Stewards for our Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 3rd June.
- Volunteers to be trained as fire wardens for the parish.

Thank you to those who have come forward already. Please email Fr Andrew if you are able to help.

Abdel Chouaib RIP – Mass will be offered for the intentions of Abdel Chouaib and his family on Friday 18th May, 7.30pm. Please remember them in your prayers.

Irish Referendum on the Eighth Amendment, 25th May 2018 – The Irish Bishops write: “Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future. We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will ‘choose life’ and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.” For more information:

www.chooselife2018.ie

REGULAR EVENTS

Church Cleaning – Next church cleaning Saturday 19th May, 11.30am, Beryl’s team. Please come and help if you can.

Carmelite Prayer Group – Monday 21st May at 7.30pm in the sacristy.

Tuesday Morning Tea/Coffee – Please come and join Fr Andrew after 9am Mass.

Bingo for the Over 50’s – Next bingo Tuesday 15th May at Raine House.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

An Invitation to Young Adults, 18-30, from the Cardinal to join him at Archbishop's House for any of three meetings (15th May, 29th May, 19th June, all at 6.30pm) to explore the theme of vocation, with an opportunity for prayer, input, discussion and question and answer. More details: www.dowym.com. If you would like to attend, please email: youth@rcdow.org.uk

Sistine Chapel Choir, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 26th May, 8pm – The Holy Father’s personal choir will perform a sacred choral music concert from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican. The concert will last an hour and is free of charge (no tickets required).

World Youth Day 2019 – The next World Youth Day takes place in Panama in January 2019. The diocesan Youth Ministry team will be taking a group of young adults, ages 18-35. Contact: youth@rcdow.org.uk. Financial support options are available.

Celebrate Twickenham – A Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend, 16th-17th June, St Mary's University, Twickenham. Guest speakers Bishop John Wilson, David Wells, Maria Heath and others. The weekend includes faith building workshops and seminars for children, youth and adults. Charges: £40 per adult, £20 young adults (aged 19-21), £10 for Reception to Year 13. For further details, visit www.celebrateconference.org or call Mike on 07778 124270, Angie on 07717 473160. Registration is compulsory.

Loving4Life Marriage Enrichment – Weekend for married couples to help rediscover the joy of love, drawing on the Theology of the Body. 30th June–1st July at Manor Farm House, 50 South Street, Castlethorpe, Milton Keynes MK19 7EL. For details and bookings, contact Jane Deegan: jane@loving4life.net or 07595 724300. More information: www.loving4life.co.uk

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – The 30th annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent, takes place 21st-27th July. The theme for this year is 'Do whatever He tells you'. Direct flights from London Stansted to Lourdes or coach options are available. For details, please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka: 020 7798 9173 or lourdes@rcdow.org.uk

SPEC Volunteers – SPEC are looking for young people enthusiastic about their faith and willing to share it with others to spend a year living in community; in return they receive formation in the faith, training in youth work and experience living in community. For information, email spec@rcdow.org.uk or call 0203 757 2503.

Discernment Retreat for Catholic Women – A discernment retreat with the Religious of the Sacred Heart for single Catholic women open to a possible call to religious life will take place from 5pm on Friday 29th June to Sunday 2nd July after lunch at Roehampton, SW15. For details visit societyofthesacredheart.org.uk or contact Sr Barbara societyofthesacredheart@gmail.com

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018, Volunteer Recruitment – Volunteers needed for medical/practical support of sick pilgrims for the 30th annual Lourdes pilgrimage this summer, 21st-27th July. Contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office: 020 7798 9173, lourdes@rcdow.org.uk

Humanae Vitae One Day Conference – Saturday 21st July with Adoration and Benediction, talks and discussion, followed by Latin Mass at 4pm at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Notting Hill, W2 5DJ. For further details: humanaevitae.lifehveternal@gmail.com

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.

If you are ever in **hospital**, please indicate to staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like your details to be passed to the Chaplaincy and Roman Catholic Chaplain.

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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 McEnery 07989 895257.

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!

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

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.