

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

At Mass this Sunday we hear the Lord's teaching about the indissolubility of marriage. It is a difficult, prophetic challenge to our society in which, sadly, the breakdown of marriage has become so common. I know that a number of you have struggled through the pain of separation and divorce, and hearing the Lord's words may be difficult. Addressing all the intricacies of marriage here is impossible, but I thought I would give a couple of pointers in the interests of clarity and help.

First, the Lord Jesus insisted on the original intention of the Creator who willed that marriage be indissoluble. Between the baptised, a ratified and consummated marriage cannot be dissolved by any human power or for any reason other than death. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2382)

Catholics are obliged to marry in a Catholic church, unless permission has been given to the contrary. **If you are planning to get married, even if the marriage will be elsewhere or abroad, you must come and see me and give six months' notice.**

In the case of the breakdown of a relationship, every effort must be expended to save the marriage. The Church understands that there are cases in which spouses may separate, even permanently. The Church also accepts that there are cases in which civil divorce is the only means of ensuring certain legal rights after separation. However, separation and divorce do not break the sacramental bond of marriage, and spouses are not free to marry again. (CCC 2383)

Please understand, the Church is not mean-spirited, or too idealistic, or naive, or reluctant to help. The Church has only the authority Christ has given her. She cannot ignore the words we hear in the Gospel today.

However, over the centuries, when marriages have broken down, the Church has tried in different ways to help. St Paul gave us some possibilities for mixed marriages in the letters to the Corinthians. In later centuries we developed an understanding of annulment. You may be surprised that there are many cases in which something can be done when a marriage fails, whilst also remaining faithful to the Lord's teaching.

If you are concerned about your marriage situation in light of today's Gospel, please come and speak to me. Whether separated or divorced, or married civilly but not in church, or remarried, I can answer your questions and may be able to help. You will only know if you ask!

Blessings on the week ahead, Fr Andrew.

+ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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7th October 2018

SAT 6 Oct	6.30pm		Yolande Chapman (RIP)
SUN 7	10.00am	+ 27 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 8	9.00am	Feria	Helen Purcell (RIP)
TUE 9	9.00am	Bl. John Henry Newman, Priest	Hannah, Terry and Family (Ints)
WED 10	9.00am	Feria	Maureen McGrath and Family (Thanksgiving & Ints)
THU 11	9.00am	St John XXIII, Pope	Terry Farrage (RIP)
FRI 12	6.30pm	Feria	Private Intention
SAT 13	6.30pm		Fr Des O'Neill (RIP)
SUN 14	10.00am	+ 28 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Paris Family (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 6.00pm

(Confession): Sunday 6.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday 5.45-6.15pm

(with Benediction): Monday 9.30-10.00am

Rosary: Saturday 6pm

PARISH OFFICE:

Mon, Tue & Fri, 10am-2pm

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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, Ravindhra Kumar, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £763.47 Standing Orders (weekly) £1357

NOTICES

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection – Retiring collection this Sunday to help CAFOD serve the poor around the world. Please return your Harvest Fast Day envelope if you collected one last weekend. There is still time to do so next weekend, too.

Help needed – Please consider supporting our parish, and serving your brothers and sisters in Christ, in one of these ways:

- Helping with tea and coffee after Sunday 10am Mass (on a rota).
- Church cleaning (one hour a month).
- Helping with the children's liturgy at Sunday 10am Mass (on a rota).

Please speak to Fr Andrew or email him or the Parish Office if you are able to help.

Panto Rehearsals this Sunday 7th October, after 10am Mass – If you would like to be involved in any way, either performing or helping backstage, please come along to the old school hall. For more information contact Jo in the Parish Office.

New Altar Servers – Training for new altar servers will take place on Sunday 28th October, 11.30am-12.30pm. Servers must have made their First Holy Communion. Please register online: parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/new-servers

Youth Confirmation – Meeting for parents with children in school year 9 or above on Sunday 11th November, 11.30am, in the church. It is important that you attend to help us decide whether to run a Confirmation programme this year or next.

First Holy Communion 2019 – For children in school year 3 or above. Your family must attend Sunday Mass in Wapping regularly. The programme will begin in December and the First Holy Communion will take place in May. The deadline for registration is Sunday 28th October 2018. Register online:

parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/fhc/

Certificates of Catholic Practice for Secondary School Transfer – For children in school year 6 intending to apply for any Catholic secondary school for September 2019. Book an appointment online: parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/ccp-secondary/

Interested in Catholic Faith – If you not a Catholic but interested in finding out more about Catholic faith, there is an opportunity beginning at the end of September. Please give your details to Fr Andrew: parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/rcia

Adult Confirmation – If you missed out on Confirmation for any reason, we will hold a short period of preparation and arrange for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated. Please register your interest:

parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/adult-confirmation

REGULAR EVENTS

Church Cleaning – Next church cleaning, Saturday 13th October, 10am, Beryl's team. Please come and help if you can.

Carmelite Prayer Group – Next date to be confirmed.

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

Bingo for the Over 50's – Next bingo Tuesday 16th October.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

'Refugees: Where to Start? A Parish Response' – Thursday 11th October 7-9pm. An evening of practical advice on understanding the nature and challenges of the refugee crisis and how parishes, groups and individuals can play their part in alleviating 'the wounds of refugees' (Pope Francis) at Vaughan House. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, or call on 0207 798 9030.

Cardinal's Invitation to Young People – Reflection on the Synod on Youth, Tuesday 30th October, 7-8.30pm, the Throne Room at Archbishop's House. The event is open to all young people aged 18 to 30 years. Registration is required by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk.

Retreat for Cancer Survivors – Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th October, St Augustine's Priory, House of Prayer, North Wales. Open to people of all faiths and none, led by cancer survivors: Bede and Doreen Smith, Hilary Thompson VS. For more information: www.houseofprayer.org.uk or 01492 514223.

Thanksgiving Mass for St Oscar Romero - St George's Cathedral, Southwark, Saturday 3rd November, 12.30pm. Archbishop Peter Smith will preside and Archbishop Bernard Longley will preach. Mass will be followed by a celebratory drink in Amigo Hall. All are welcome to attend. Further information: www.romerotrue.org.uk.

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.

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.

Foodbank – At the back of church is a box for donations to Bow Foodbank. Foodbanks provide boxes of food to people who would otherwise go hungry for a range of reasons, from benefit delays to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. We collect donations for Bow Foodbank (non-perishable items only): cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned food, lentils, beans, tea/coffee, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice, toiletries and hygiene products. Why not pick up something extra each week in your shopping and leave it in the box at the back of church when you come to Mass? Thank you!

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

GIVE TO ST PATRICK'S BY TEXT: Text **PARISH STPAT** to **70800** to give £5. This amount will be added to your phone bill. An easy way to top-up your offering, or to give if you are visiting or have no cash. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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.

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.