

# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Archdiocese of Westminster

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## + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

<b>SAT 1 Dec</b>	6.30pm		People of the Parish
<b>SUN 2</b>	10.00am	+ 1 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	Albert, Emily, Elizabeth Vorley (RIP)
	6.30pm		Private Intention
<b>MON 3</b>	10.00am	St Francis Xavier, Priest	Private Intention
<b>TUE 4</b>	10.00am	Feria	Holy Souls
<b>WED 5</b>	10.00am	Feria	Alan Jennings (RIP)
<b>THU 6</b>	6.30pm	St Nicholas, Bishop	Ellen, Bruce & Tim Fry (RIP)
<b>FRI 7</b>	6.30pm	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	Chriss Kumar (RIP)
<b>SAT 8</b>	10.00am	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	Paris Family (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
<b>SUN 9</b>	10.00am	+ 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	The deceased family and friends of the late Elizabeth & Tom McCartney
	6.30pm		Denis & Martin Griffin (RIP)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday 6.00pm

**(Confession):** Sunday 6.00pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
(with Benediction):** Sunday 5.45-6.15pm

**Rosary:** Saturday 6pm

**Parish Priest:** Fr Andrew Connick  
[andrewconnick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:andrewconnick@rcdow.org.uk)  
(Day Off: Wednesday)

**Safeguarding Rep:** Adele Schirinzi  
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### PARISH OFFICE:

**Mon, Tue & 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,** including: Frances Hansell, Bridie McGuinness, Kate McCarthy, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Dan McAlinden, Ravindhra Kumar, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

**And for the recently departed,** including: Christine King and Terry Hooper.

**Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £587.74 Standing Orders (weekly) £1434**

### FR ANDREW WRITES:

#### Happy New Year!

Advent is upon us once again. This is New Year's Day for the Church. Advent is not a penitential season, like Lent, but it is a quiet and reflective time, and that is manifested in the way we celebrate Mass and the removal of some of the decoration from church.

Today we begin again our journey through the Gospel, following the life of the Lord Jesus. During this year we will read the Gospel of Luke at Sunday Mass.

St Luke is responsible both for the Gospel that bears his name and for the Acts of the Apostles. These are two volumes of the same work, drawing a parallel between the life of Christ, in the Gospel, and the life of the early Church, in the Acts of the Apostles.

Luke was either a Gentile or a convert to Judaism before he became a Christian. He was a doctor, highly educated, and accompanied St Paul on two of his journeys, including the dangerous journey to Rome where Paul was eventually martyred.

It is unlikely that Luke ever met the Lord Jesus. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke tells us that he is writing an ordered account from eyewitnesses that he interviewed. We assume that means especially what he learnt from St Paul. There are a number of episodes in the Lord's life, and some parables, that we only know from St Luke.

You will notice, at the beginning of this new year, that the readings at Mass dovetail with the readings we heard in the last few weeks. They direct our attention to the end times. This first period of Advent is 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 real *adventus*, the "coming" for which we prepare and look forward. For that Second Coming of Christ we are told in the Gospel: Stay awake!

Blessings on the week ahead, Fr Andrew.

## NOTICES

**Fr Andrew is away** Monday to Thursday this week.

**PACT Christmas Gifts** – For those who picked up tags last Sunday for Christmas gifts for children, please return your gift by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest. Otherwise your gift will not make it in time for Christmas. Please do not wrap your gift because it will be inspected before it enters the prisons. Thank you for your generosity.

**Foodbank Christmas Donations** – Bow Foodbank supports more than 300 families in food poverty in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Hackney. This weekend you can collect tote bags to donate food items in time for Christmas. The Foodbank ask for non-perishable food items (biscuits, cup-a-soup, squash, rice, pasta, tea bags, canned foods, cooking sauces, jam, etc.) and some personal toiletries and cleaning items (nappies, sanitary products, shampoo, soap, washing powder, etc.). You might pick up something extra each week when you do your grocery shopping. Please return your donations to the sacristy, or leave in the boxes at the back of church. For a full list:

[www.bowfoodbank.org/Donate/Donate/donatefood.html](http://www.bowfoodbank.org/Donate/Donate/donatefood.html)

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine King.** Funeral in Brentwood Cathedral on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 12noon. May she rest in peace.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Hooper.** Funeral details to follow.

**LAST CALL for Pensioners' Christmas Party,** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Old School hall. We are pleased that State Street Bank will once again be involved with providing help on the day and gifts for all and as usual St Patrick's will provide Christmas lunch and entertainment. To reserve your place, please contact the Parish Office.

**LAST CALL for Pantomime Tickets** – St Patrick's will be performing Cinderella this year! Tickets on sale from the Parish Office – please pop in, telephone or email Jo. Adults £7, children and OAP's £3. Show times are: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm; Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7.15pm. Sold out: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm.

**Certificates of Catholic Practice** – required for applications to Catholic schools for a place in Nursery or Reception in September 2019. For instructions, and to book an appointment with Fr Andrew: [parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/ccp-primary/](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/ccp-primary/)

**English Martyrs School Open Mornings,** for prospective Nursery & Reception parents for 2019. Every Friday 9.30am-11.30am until 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm, in the sacristy, and concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Church Cleaning** – Next church cleaning, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am, Beryl's team. Please come and help if you can.

**Tuesday Morning Tea/Coffee** – No tea and coffee this week as Fr Andrew is away.

**Bingo for the Over 50's** – Next bingo Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**Christmas Concert in Aid of the Holy Land, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, Immaculate Conception, Mount Street (Mayfair)** – The Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem are holding a fundraising Christmas Carol service with the Farm Street choir, followed by refreshments. The Order supports the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem through prayer, pilgrimage and financially, and at this time working especially with refugees. There is no charge for the concert or reception but donations are welcome. [www.khs.org.uk](http://www.khs.org.uk)

**George Weigel Lecture at the Rosary Shrine, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm** – George Weigel will give a talk on 'Democracy and Its Discontents: Catholicism and Public Life in Turbulent Times' at the Rosary Shrine, St Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill. The talk is free of charge and open to all.

**Catholic Association of Performing Arts Advent Carol Service, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane (Covent Garden)** – Open to all and no entry fee, although a collection will be taken to raise money for the Tyburn Convent Heating Fund. Corpus Christi is known as the Actors' Church and CaAPA and members have included Sir Alec Guinness and Frank Finlay. An excellent way to begin Advent.

**A Christmas Celebration at Westminster Cathedral** – Westminster Cathedral's annual Christmas Celebration will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, featuring the Westminster Cathedral Choir. The evening includes music, celebrity readings and a reflection. For tickets: [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk)

**SVP Vinnie Packs for the Homeless** – The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP. Thank you so much for your support.

**Calix Society for Recovering Alcoholics** – The Calix Society offers a Catholic ministry to alcoholics in recovery by deepening or rediscovering their faith and sharing the healing mercy of God. Meetings are held every Thursday at the Calix Centre, Church of Our Lady, 54 Lodge Road, NW8 8LA. For details:

[www.calixsociety.org.uk](http://www.calixsociety.org.uk) | 07762 570361 | [calixsjw@btinternet.com](mailto:calixsjw@btinternet.com)

### **REGULAR NOTICES**

**Interested in Working for the Church?** – The Diocese of Westminster advertises job vacancies for parishes and central services online: [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/)

**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 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1-3pm. For more information contact Gerald McEnery 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](mailto: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 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.

**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.