

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping
Archdiocese of Westminster

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

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Bridie McGuinness, Kate McCarthy, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Dan McAlinden, Ravindra Kumar, Maureen & Dennis Franey and Frank Game.

Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £390.22 Standing Orders (weekly) £1512

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parish Mass Book: Year C – Volume I (Purple), p.265

5th May 2019

SAT 4 May	6.30pm		Nora Fuller RIP
SUN 5	10.00am	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Cornelius Michael Walsh RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 6	11.00am	Easter Feria (Bank Holiday)	Marie Jermey RIP
TUE 7	10.00am	Easter Feria	Private Intention
WED 8	10.00am	Easter Feria	Chriss Kumar RIP
THU 9	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Chriss Kumar RIP
FRI 10	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Private Intention
SAT 11	10.00am	Easter Feria	Chriss Kumar RIP
	6.30pm		John Sullivan RIP
SUN 12	10.00am	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Granville Davies RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 6.00pm

(Confession): Sunday 6.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday 5.45-6.15pm

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm

Saturday 6.00pm

PARISH OFFICE:

Mon, Tue & Fri, 10am-2pm

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Subsidence Investigations in Church

I want to share with you a quick update about possible future works in the church.

We have a problem with the floor. You will have noticed the level of the floor changes in a number of places along the north side. In the porch, the floor has dropped below the false wall. The high altar is also leaning significantly to the left and beginning to crack. We have asked our insurers to investigate.

So far, they have conducted a level survey that has shown the variation in the floor is as much as 8cm in some places. They have also begun monitoring the cracks in the walls. These do not appear to be worsening and most are internal only. In the next weeks we will have some minor disruption as pits are dug in three locations for bore holes for soil samples. Hopefully this will give enough information to explain what is causing the problems and how it might be remedied.

A similar investigation took place in 2010 but was inconclusive. It was suggested that the large plain trees in Wapping Gardens, just the other side of Green Bank, may be to blame. In the summer they draw the water out of the soil and cause it to compact.

If subsidence is proved, the insurers will pay towards remedial works. These may be significant. At the same time, our parish Buildings Committee are planning for future works in the church. Given the disruption of stabilising the floor, it may be the right time to consider other major projects: underfloor heating, new wiring, lighting, sound; a reordering of the sanctuary; dealing with the old organ and the raised area in which it sits. We will have to consider how to pay for these works.

In the coming months I hope to share with you our vision for the church and invite your feedback. The first step, however, is to ascertain the problem with the floor. Please say a prayer that this is the beginning of a positive restoration of our beautiful church building. With my prayers for you all, Fr Andrew.

NOTICES

Bank Holiday Monday – Mass at 11am.

Rosary on Fridays at 7.00pm, after the evening Mass. Please come and join the group.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Orvieto and Bolsena, Monday 21st to Saturday 26th October 2019, led by Fr Andrew. Brochures and full itinerary available in the porch and online. To secure your place, please complete the booking form with deposit this week if possible. parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/rome-2019

St Vincent de Paul Society – We are looking for some volunteers to re-establish the SVP in our parish. The group will pray, visit and befriend the housebound, and offer practical help to those in need. If anyone has experience of the SVP and is willing to help get the new group started, that would also be very helpful. Please email or speak to Fr Andrew.

Help for marriages under stress – Every marriage goes through ups and downs. For some, the down times can persist and leave a person feeling trapped, helpless and frustrated. Sometimes it seems that a marriage is dead and the only options are to divorce or to live in misery. **SmartLoving BreakThrough** is an online course designed to help spouses (individually or as a couple) to process their emotions and understand what is driving the conflict in their marriage. The material is grounded in contemporary psychology and framed by Catholic spirituality. It helps with forgiveness, identifying conflict triggers, strategies to de-escalate arguments and constructive ways to re-establish connection. It is recommended by the archdiocese. The course is online and can be done at any time. It takes about three hours in total. It costs about £50 (there is 50% off until the end of May):

smartloving.org/breakthrough

REGULAR EVENTS

Church Cleaning – Saturday 11th May, 12noon, Maria's team. Please come and help if you are free.

Tuesday Morning Tea/Coffee – Please join Fr Andrew for tea/coffee after Mass.

Bingo for the Over 50's – Next bingo Tuesday 14th May, 12.30pm in the old school.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Prayer Vigil for Life – Friday 10th May, 7.30pm to Saturday 11th May, 8am, at the Rosary Shrine, Haverstock Hill, as a prelude to the March for Life, beginning with an opening Mass at 7.30pm and concluding with Morning Prayer at 8am.

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, NW10 9AX, Sunday 12th May, 3.30pm. Preacher: Fr Martin Plunkett. Come and join hundreds of other pilgrims as we pray the Rosary in procession, giving witness to our faith, our love for Mary, and our intercession for our city and country at this time.

Spirit in the City Festival, 31st May & 1st June 2019. Theme 'Life to the Full' – Catholic Faith Festival celebrating and witnessing faith in London's Leicester Square. Starts Friday evening from 7pm in Notre Dame de France church. Saturday all day in the Square gardens. Includes live stage music, street evangelisation, prayer teams, all day Adoration, Confessions, feet washing, activities for children, talks, etc. Come be refreshed and renewed in your faith. For more information, contact Allegra, info@spiritinthecity.org or call 0791 5537125. Or why not join the Mission Team and help others encounter Christ through one of these areas? To register as a helper, visit spiritinthecity.org

Christus Vivit: Echoes from the Youth Synod, Archbishop's House, Tuesday 21st April, 6.30pm. Bishop John Wilson will be leading our reflections, this time focusing on the recently published exhortation from Pope Francis addressed to young people. All young adults are invited to attend. Please let us know your intention to attend by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk. For more details: www.dowym.com/events

Volunteer Year at SPEC – SPEC, the diocesan youth retreat centre, offers the possibility of a volunteer year for young adults. The volunteer missionary would live on site in Pinner in the residential community, receive formation and accompaniment in their faith and serve as a retreat facilitator, working with the employed retreat leaders. In particular, any sixth formers who may like to find out more are welcome to attend a day retreat to see what goes on and meet the community. For more information please see www.dowym.com/spec/volunteer/ or contact spec@rcdow.org.uk.

Could you be a Lourdes helper? The Lourdes pilgrimage team are looking to recruit volunteers to lend medical and practical support for the pilgrimage from 20th to 26th July 2019. If interested, please contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office at Vaughan House on 020 7798 9173 or lourdes@rcdow.org.uk. Volunteering booking forms available online: form.jotforme.com/82291257422354

REGULAR NOTICES

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!

Othona Retreat, Bradwell-on-Sea, weekend of 27-29th September 2019, is an opportunity for parishioners and friends of St Patrick's to get away from the stress of London life; a chance to spend time together or by yourself – as you wish. Enjoy fresh air and walks, music and art, gazing the stars or contemplation in silence? There will also be a candle-lit mass in a Roman chapel celebrated by Fr John Moffatt SJ. Email: patrickretreat@gmail.com or Fiona (07722292208) / Artur (07768995189).

St Joseph's Hospice is the only Catholic hospice in Greater London, available to this parish and everyone across East and North London regardless of background. It serves our community through in-patient care of the terminally ill, Day Hospice for out-patient care and home visits. It is an independent charity run by the Religious Sisters of Charity. For more information: 020 8525 6035 www.stjh.org.uk

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!

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.

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

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. For more information contact Gerald McEnery 07989 895257.

Vocations to the Priesthood - Young Seekers Group, for men between aged 18 to early 20's, last Thursday of every month, Westminster Cathedral. Mass at 6.30pm and the meeting from 7.00-8.30pm, including faith sharing and vocation stories, and a talk on a particular theme. For details: Fr Mike Maguire, Assistant Vocations Promoter, vocations@rcdow.org.uk.

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 | 07762 570361 | calixsjw@btinternet.com

The St Katharine and Wapping Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel has a website: www.skw-wardpanel.org. It contains information and links for reporting anti-social behaviour to Tower Hamlets and the Police, information about Streetlink for reporting rough sleepers, and local news and upcoming events. We also recommend that Wapping residents register for OWL ('Online Watch Link'), to stay updated with local security advice and information and incident reports: www.owl.co.uk. As a local community, it is good for us to be connected together and to look out for each other.

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 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.