

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping
Archdiocese of Westminster

The Presbytery, Dundee Street
London E1W 2PH

Tel: (020) 7481 2202

Email: wapping@rcdow.org.uk

Web: parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping

 @rcwapping

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

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

Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £652.81 Standing Orders (weekly) £2475

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Parish Mass Book: Year C – Volume II (Red), p.83

23rd June 2019

SAT 22 Jun	6.30pm	+ THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)	Canon Digby Samuels RIP
SUN 23	10.00am 6.30pm		People of the Parish Andreas Odysseos (Ints)
MON 24	10.00am	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	The Mission of the Parish
TUE 25	10.00am	Feria	Private Intention
WED 26	10.00am	Feria	Holy Souls
THU 27	6.30pm	St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr	Priests of the Archdiocese (Ints)
FRI 28	6.30pm	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Josephine Chowrimootoo RIP
SAT 29	10.00am 6.30pm	<i>No Morning Mass</i>	Emma & Richard Westbrook RIP
SUN 30	10.00am 6.30pm	SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	People of the Parish Sue & John Carroll (Ints)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday & Sunday 6.00pm

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm; Saturday 6.00pm

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

Safeguarding Rep: Adele Schirinzi
wappingsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE:

Mon, Tue & Fri, 10am-2pm

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

Events Coordinator: Joann Condon
joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

FR ANDREW WRITES:

Corpus Christi

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, more commonly known by its Latin name: *Corpus Christi*. The feast celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

In 1263, Fr Peter of Prague made a pilgrimage to Rome and stopped in Bolsena to celebrate Mass. He suffered from doubts about whether Jesus is truly present in the Eucharistic bread and wine. When he recited the prayer of consecration at Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host onto the corporal and altar.

Fr Peter reported the miracle to Pope Urban IV in nearby Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that the host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. They remain on display in the Cathedral in Orvieto to this day.

The miracle confirmed the visions given to St Juliana in Belgium in which she was instructed to work to establish a feast for the Holy Eucharist. Pope Urban IV instituted the feast of Corpus Christi in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic miracle in Bolsena.

Inspired by the miracle, he commissioned St Thomas Aquinas to compose the texts for Mass for the new feast. Aquinas wrote the hymns we still use for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today: *Pange Lingua*, *Tantum Ergo*, *Panis Angelicus* and *O Salutaris Hostia*.

After 10am Mass this Sunday, weather permitting, we will mark the feast by a Corpus Christi procession and conclude with Benediction in the school playground. Please join in. The procession expresses publicly our belief that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Eucharist. It is a public act of adoration and an opportunity to express physically what we desire spiritually: to walk with him as his disciples.

This Sunday we also give thanks for the fourteen children of our parish who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time over the last two Sundays. They will lead our procession. With my prayers and best wishes for you all, Fr Andrew.

NOTICES

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul this year is celebrated next Sunday, 30th June, (including the vigil Mass on Saturday 29th June). There will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, the charitable fund distributed by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to those in need around the world. More information: www.peterspence.va

This Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, so there is no need to abstain from meat on that day and you can forego your usual Friday penance.

Parish Hall Redecoration – Thank you for your generosity to the retiring collection last weekend. We raised £365.73. If you would like to donate still please use an envelope marked "School Hall" and drop in the collection at Mass or at the parish office. The next phase of the work will begin when Fr Andrew returns from his holidays.

Summer Pensioners' Party, Friday 19th July, 12.15pm – State Street Bank are again hosting the summer pensioners' party in the parish hall. All welcome but please put your name down on the list by contacting Jo in the parish office.

Young Adults' Group – We are hoping to form a new young adults' formation group at our parish. The aim will be for young adults in their 20's and 30's to meet regularly in small groups to pray, share and support each other through the rhythm of everyday Christian life. We would like to develop a formation programme focused on the needs of our young adult community in order to deepen our relationship with God and grow in fellowship. The meetings will start in September 2019. However, we would very much welcome thoughts and ideas as to the preferred format. An initial meeting will take place on Sunday 30th July 2019 after the 6.30pm evening Mass. If you have any questions or ideas in the meantime, please contact Barbara Onuonga at babsonuonga@hotmail.com

English Martyrs School, 50th Anniversary Open Day, Saturday 29th June, 12noon-4pm – Catch up with old school mates and see how the school has changed since its opening in 1969. Please bring along any memorabilia from your school days for teachers to copy or photograph. Anyone with a connection to the school is welcome.

Fr Andrew will be away on annual leave from Monday 24th June to Tuesday 16th July. Thank you to Fr Alan and the Jesuit priests for covering Masses during his absence.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays will resume when Fr Andrew returns from his holidays.

REGULAR EVENTS

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – Monday 1st July, 7.30pm, in the sacristy, and concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 29th June, 10.30am, Beryl's team. Please come and help if you are free.

Tuesday Morning Tea/Coffee – No tea/coffee after Mass until Tuesday 16th July.

Bingo for the Over 50's – Next bingo Tuesday 25th June, 12.30pm in the old school.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Christus Vivit: Echoes from the Youth Synod, Tuesday 25th June, 6.30pm, Archbishop's House – The last in the current series of meetings for young adults, led by Bishop Paul McAleenan. An opportunity for young adults to pray, reflect, and discuss the place of faith in their life. This meeting will focus on the second half of Pope Francis' exhortation to young people, with reflections on vocation and advice on how to discern one's calling in life. Email youth@rcdow.org.uk. dowym.com/events

Foundation Degree for Practitioners in Healthcare, Ethics, Theology and Care, St Mary's University, Twickenham. This unique part time course for people working in healthcare consists of two evening classes a week in three term blocks over two years. Further details: Matthew James (matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk).

www.stmarys.ac.uk/foundation/healthcare-ethics-theology-and-care

New Dawn in the Church, Monday 5th to Friday 9th August, Walsingham, Norfolk – A Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference in its 33rd year organised annually by the Prince of Peace community. It includes daily talks by English and international speakers, choice of workshop sessions each afternoon with celebration of Mass as the central focus of each day. Separate sessions organised for children and young people. Email registration@newdawn.org.uk or call 0151 228 0724, or www.newdawn.org.uk

Catholic Voices Speakers' Training – Catholic Voices are inviting 'ordinary' Catholics to be trained on how to give talks and presentations and how to tell the Church's story with confidence. This training is free and will include two Saturdays (21st September and 16th November) and seven Tuesday evenings (26th September to 7th November) in central London. Since 2010, this training has meant that over 100 Catholic Voices speakers have made over 1,200 appearances on TV and radio programmes. Applications close 31st August 2019. Email info@catholicvoices.org.uk.

www.catholicvoices.org.uk

REGULAR NOTICES

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: patrickstretreat@gmail.com or Fiona (07722292208) / Artur (07768995189).

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.

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!

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

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

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.