

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)

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15th December 2019

SAT 14 Dec	6.30pm		Mr Casella RIP
SUN 15	10.00am	+ 3 rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Private Intention
MON 16	10.00am	Advent Feria	Kit & Ted Fletcher RIP
TUE 17	10.00am	Advent Feria	Paris Family (Ints)
WED 18	10.00am	Advent Feria	Kathleen Malone & Family (Ints)
THU 19	6.30pm	Advent Feria	Kath & Tom Leek RIP
FRI 20	1.00pm	Funeral of Monica Day RIP	
	6.30pm	Advent Feria	Therese & Hannah RIP
SAT 21	10.00am	Advent Feria	HE Cardinal Nichols (Ordination Anni.)
	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 22	10.00am	+ 4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Molly Clark RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday 5.30-6.15pm

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm; Saturday 6.00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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'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.

And the recently departed, including: Monica Day.

Weekly Offertory (Loose & Envelopes) £694.50 Standing Orders (weekly) £1765.60

FR ANDREW WRITES:

Little Sisters of the Poor

This weekend we welcome Sister Maria from the Little Sisters of the Poor in Stoke Newington, together with one of the residents from their independent living flats.

The sisters established St Anne's Home in Stoke Newington in 1876 and care for the elderly who are unable to live independently. The home provides residential nursing care to 32 residents and they also have 19 independent living flats. The work they do is first class and a true example of the Gospel of Christ in action.

The Little Sisters were founded by St Jeanne Jugan to care for the elderly poor in a spirit of humble service. They welcome the elderly as they would Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.

Many of you will know of St Anne's. The sisters have been visiting our parish for many years. Fr Digby moved there as resident chaplain after he left Wapping in 2012, and the sisters cared for him in his last years before the Lord called him home. That connection with St Anne's continues: our parish pantomime was performed there for the residents last Monday.

The sisters run their home for the elderly poor on a very small income and are very grateful for the help they have received from our parish in the past. They asked to visit us this weekend to appeal for some further support as they try to raise £60,000 to replace their emergency lighting system. We will hold a retiring collection after all Masses.

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday (it means "Rejoice!"). You will notice the rose coloured vestments – a sign of a little light shining through the usual, sombre Advent purple, as we are now half way to the celebration of Christmas.

With blessings on this holy time of Advent, and the week ahead, Fr Andrew.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (for families)

10pm Christmas Mass in the Holy Night

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10am Christmas Mass

NOTICES

Going Away for Christmas – To the many parishioners going away for the Christmas holidays, I wish you a happy and holy celebration of the Lord's birth, safe journeys and peace in your families. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Fr Andrew.

Advent Confessions – Saturday and Sunday evenings at 6pm.

Retiring collection this Sunday for the Little Sisters of the Poor – thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Offering – If you are going to be away over Christmas, please consider making your Christmas offering before you go. The offerings at Christmas and Easter make up Fr Andrew's salary for the year. There are Christmas offering envelopes at the back of church and these can be handed in with the collection.

Christmas 6.30pm Vigil Mass – Children are invited to come to the 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, dressed as shepherds, angels and kings, or any other character from the Nativity story. Please arrive by 6.20pm so the children can process into church just before Mass begins.

Funeral Mass for the late Monica Day RIP, Friday 20th December, 1pm. Please pray for the happy repose of her soul and for her family at this difficult time.

Thank you to the team who organised the Pensioners' Christmas Party last Thursday. It was a great success. We are grateful again this year for support from State Street Bank in providing volunteers and gifts for the partygoers.

Panto success – we enjoyed another fantastic St Patrick's panto this year. Thank you for the immense hard work by Angie and all cast, crew and other volunteers. We raised more than £750 for the parish 150th anniversary fund.

Foodbank Christmas Donations – Bow Foodbank supports more than 300 families in food poverty in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Hackney. There are tote bags available, designed by the First Holy Communion children, to donate food items in time for Christmas. The Foodbank ask for non-perishable food (biscuits, cup-a-soup, squash, rice, pasta, tea bags, canned foods, cooking sauces, jam, etc.) and 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

Certificates of Catholic Practice – required for applications to Catholic schools for a place in Nursery or Reception in September 2020. For instructions, and to book an appointment with Fr Andrew: parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/ccp-primary

REGULAR EVENTS

Church Cleaning – Saturday 21st December, 12noon, Maria's team. We rely on generous volunteers to keep our church clean. Please do come and help if you can.

Young Adults' Group – Sunday 19th January after 6.30pm Mass. Meet to pray, share and support each other through the rhythm of everyday Christian life (20's and 30's).

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

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – Monday 16th December, 7.30pm, in the Lady Chapel.

Bingo for the Over 50's – Bingo will resume again in the New Year.

Iconography and Watercolour Group – Saturday 18th January, 10.30am-5.30pm. An opportunity for those who practice iconography and watercolour painting to meet, paint, learn, improve and befriend. All levels welcome, but no tuition provided.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE (JRS)

Needs List – The Jesuit Refugee Service relies on regular donations of practical items to help them run their services. Toiletry donations and other items to support the refugee activities can be ordered through Amazon and delivered directly to JRS:

www.jrsuk.net/current-needs

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Cardinal's Golden Jubilee of Ordination – Cardinal Nichols will celebrate 50 years as a priest with Mass in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21st December, 10.30am.

Youth 2000 presents New, London's Biggest Praise Party – 30th December to 1st January, with live music, inspirational talks and fellowship, in Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great, 82 Union Street, Barnet EN5 4HZ.

REGULAR NOTICES

Adult Confirmation – Confirmation completes the process of Christian initiation that begins at Baptism. 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

Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life – Every Catholic should ask the Lord what he asks of them for their life. If you wonder if the Lord is calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, please speak with Fr Andrew and he can help you discern. The Church needs vocations. Please pray earnestly to the Lord that he will raise up new, holy priests and religious, including from our own parish.

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/

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!

St Joseph's Hospice – We are proud to support the work of St Joseph's Hospice, available to this parish and to everyone in East and North London regardless of

background. Founded by the Religious Sisters of Charity in 1905 to care for the dying poor of East London, the hospice remains committed to its Catholic heritage to continue to care for those in our local community affected by life-limiting and terminal illness. The hospice relies on the generosity of the community to provide palliative and end of life care, bereavement counselling and outreach to more than 6,500 people every year. Donate online www.stjh.org.uk, call 020 8525 3200 or text WECARE to 70660 to donate £5.

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.