

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

24th May 2020



Mass is streamed live every day on our YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/rcwapping

SUN 24 May	10.00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Irene Cooper RIP
MON 25	10.00am	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor	Timothy Vorley RIP
TUE 26	10.00am	St Philip Neri, Priest	Artists' Community (Ints)
WED 27	10.00am	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop	Pauline Roberts RIP
THU 28	10.00am	Easter Feria	Maureen McGrath (Thanksgiving)
FRI 29	10.00am	Saint Paul VI, Pope	Private Intention
SAT 30	10.00am	Easter Feria	Private Intention
SUN 31	10.00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Beryl Levi RIP

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

While the church is closed, the parish is losing a significant income from the weekly offertory. Thank you to all those parishioners supporting the parish by Standing Order.

**Standing Order/
Bank Transfer Details:** Account Name: **Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee
Wapping, St Patrick**
Sort Code: **40-05-20** Account Number: **21255339**

If you are a UK taxpayer, please register for Gift Aid. The parish can claim an additional 25p for every £1 given, at no cost to you.

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Full details, including Standing Order, Gift Aid, and online donations:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/donate/>



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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Planning for the Re-Opening of our Church

Exactly when we can re-open the church is not yet known. There is some hope that we may be able to open the church soon for private prayer, even if the public celebration of Mass must wait a little longer. Cardinal Nichols is a member of the Government's 'Places of Worship Taskforce' considering these questions.

The current suggestion is that we may be able to resume public Mass around 4th July, with provision for social distancing and other safeguards. That will severely limit the number of people attending Sunday Mass, perhaps as few as 25. When the formal guidelines are released, we will make that judgement. There will be an online ticketing system for Sunday Mass (free, of course!) to ensure we respect the limit.

Mass will continue to be streamed online for all those unable to attend in person.

Permanent Live-Streaming of Mass

At a Finance Committee meeting last week, we made the decision that the streaming of Mass should be a permanent feature. It is great that people connected to our parish but now living away from Wapping are able to join us virtually for Mass and prayer.

Even when life returns to (new!) normal, we have sick and housebound parishioners, and there are always occasions when individuals fall sick or cannot find somewhere to attend Mass when travelling. It is a great tool, too, for evangelisation, enabling those interested in Catholic faith to sample our parish whilst building the courage to attend in person.

I am very grateful indeed to a number of parishioners who are working generously to enable good and prayerful celebrations of the Mass, by singing and playing, preparing and decorating the church, reading, and so on. It has been a real community effort.

When I set up the equipment for live-streaming, I imagined it to be temporary. There are some technical challenges and some expense in setting up a more permanent solution, approximately £2500. The expense is not ideal in this time of reduced offertory for the parish while we are closed. If anyone feels called to contribute to this, it would be much appreciated. You can drop donations to the presbytery (Dundee Street), or donate by bank transfer (please let me know, so I can categorise it appropriately), or online (choosing "livestreaming fund" in the dropdown):

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/donate/>

With my prayers for your needs and very best wishes to you all, Fr Andrew.

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



CARDINAL NICHOLS:

PRAY FERVENTLY FOR THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our archbishop, Cardinal Nichols, has written a pastoral letter and recorded a video message to all the faithful in our archdiocese, asking us to pray fervently for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

You can read the letter or watch the video online:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-pray-fervently-for-the-coming-of-the-holy-spirit/>

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This Sunday is World Communications Day, when we pray for those who work in the media. The coronavirus is having a profound impact on the way we communicate. It has certainly forced a technological revolution in our parish, among many others. We are asked to pray today for those whose work in communications helps the isolated.

The Pope has written a message for this day in which he reflects on the theme of storytelling. He warns against greed for gossip and the destructive nature of violence and falsehood in the media. He stresses that every human being has a story of irrepressible dignity. You can read the full message online:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/01/Pope-Francis-WCD-2020.pdf>



PARISH NOTICES

Pentecost Novena – We began our Novena for Pentecost on Friday, with a short video each day posted to the YouTube channel. Please join in if you can. It doesn't matter if you missed the first couple of days. You can also download the Novena booklet online:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2020-01/Catholic%20Novena.pdf>

Children's Liturgy with Angie – For the younger children, Angie is filming a weekly Children's Liturgy, with songs, Gospel story time and some craft suggestions:

<https://www.youtube.com/rcwapping>

Rosary Group Livestream, Fridays 8pm – The Rosary group will lead livestreamed Rosary on Fridays at 8pm. May is the Month of Mary and the Holy Father has asked the faithful to pray the Rosary in particular at this time for an end to the pandemic.

<https://www.youtube.com/rcwapping>

The group prays the Rosary every evening (remotely) at 8pm. Please contact Fr Andrew if you are interested in joining their WhatsApp group.

Mass Offerings – You can now book Mass offerings online! You are still very welcome to book Masses directly with Fr Andrew if you prefer, by email or telephone.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/mass-offerings/>

PRAYER AND HELP FOR THE SICK AND SELF-ISOLATING

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

If you have anyone you would like to add to this list, please email Fr Andrew.

If you fall sick (or someone you know), and there is any danger of death at all, please contact Fr Andrew immediately. In hospital, ask for the Roman Catholic Chaplain. It is better to be over-cautious and ask early than to leave it too late.

GENERAL NOTICES

Guidance for Catholics on Organ Donation – On 20th May, an opt-out system for organ donation was introduced in England. The Catholic Church has consistently encouraged its followers to consider organ donation. The act of donating organs before or after death has been considered a gift and an intrinsic good. However, a system of presumed consent risks taking away the right of the individual to exercise this decision, and therefore potentially undermines the concept of donation as a gift. Read the full guidance online:

<http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/Organ-Donation-Guidelines-Feb-2020.pdf>

Mass for Frontline Workers – Every Thursday, at 7pm, one of the bishops of England and Wales will offer Mass in his Cathedral, live streamed, for all frontline workers in the NHS, care homes, for the sick and their families:

28 May: Bishop Terence Drainey, [Middlesbrough Cathedral](#)