

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

31st May 2020



Mass is streamed live every day on our YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/rcwapping

SUN	31 May	10.00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Beryl Levi RIP
MON	1 Jun	10.00am	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Marie Jerney RIP
TUE	2	10.00am	Feria, Ninth Week of Year II	Pauline Roberts RIP
WED	3	10.00am	Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	Jack Griffiths RIP
THU	4	10.00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Mary Condon RIP
FRI	5	10.00am	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	Private Intention
SAT	6	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Liam Bergin (Ints)
SUN	7	10.00am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Sheila Kumar (Ints)

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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Parish Office: Please direct all enquiries to Fr Andrew for the time being.

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

FR ANDREW WRITES:

An Update on the Re-Opening of our Church

This week, Cardinal Nichols, our Archbishop, sent the priests some draft guidelines for the safe re-opening of churches for individual prayer. No date has been set yet, but an announcement is expected soon. At this stage, this is about individual prayer only. The earliest date that it is suggested that public worship can resume is 4th July.

The draft guidelines raise a number of questions. They seem to have been written with busy parishes in mind. For example, there is a requirement for stewards to be present at all times and for a daily, complete domestic clean of the church. Some work is also needed to mark up the interior of the church for social distancing and make other preparations.

We will need a team of volunteers to help us meet these requirements, and to ensure our church can open safely. At this stage, volunteers should not be classed as vulnerable. If you are willing and able to help, please do let me know. We will have a virtual meeting to divide up responsibilities once we have the final guidelines from the Government and bishops.

If we are unable to meet the requirements for opening, and it is a real possibility, I hope you will understand that the church must then remain closed.

Pentecost Sunday

We have reached the end of Eastertide, a strange Eastertide for sure. At the conclusion of Christ's Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension, he breathed the Holy Spirit into the apostles on this Pentecost day, giving life to the Church.

At your Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit descended upon you, too. The creator of the universe is within you, the one who flows from the love of Father and Son is within you, drawing you into God's life, if you cooperate with him. He gives you spiritual gifts to help you fulfil your part in the mission of the Church. I recommend praying to the Holy Spirit often. The first prayer I say on waking each morning is just this: Come, Holy Spirit.

With my prayers for you all, and invoking the Holy Spirit to bless you today, Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

Permanent Live-Streaming of Mass – In the future, I would like to continue to stream Mass online, even when public worship begins again. That presents some technical challenges and some expense. I am hoping we can raise **£2,500** to pay for the permanent livestreaming equipment and setup costs.

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/>

Children’s Liturgy with Angie – Inviting the younger children of our parish to join Angie for online Children’s Liturgy, with songs, Gospel story time and crafts:

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

Rosary Group Livestream, Fridays 8pm – The Rosary group will lead livestreamed Rosary on Fridays at 8pm, praying 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 the 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.

Wapping Helpers is a local community initiative with 200 willing volunteers offering help to Wapping residents in this time of social distancing, including shopping, prescriptions and regular chats: 020 7183 0678 | wappinghelpers@gmail.com

GENERAL NOTICES

Meditation for Pentecost – A short (5 minute), prayerful reflection from Fr James Hanvey SJ, former Master of Campion Hall, Oxford and currently serving in Rome at the Jesuit Curia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CMOKXvk5CU>

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>

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

731. On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.

732. On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

737 The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit."