

# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)**

18<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Masses marked  are livestreamed on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/rcwapping](http://www.youtube.com/rcwapping)

<b>SAT 17 Jul</b>	6.30pm		Private Intention
<b>SUN 18</b>	10.00am 	16 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Marvic Garcia Encarnacion RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
<b>MON 19</b>	10.00am 	Feria	Mary and Jackie RIP
<b>TUE 20</b>	10.00am 	Feria	Kevin Dieppe RIP (B'day)
<b>WED 21</b>	10.00am 	Feria	Hannah Franey RIP
<b>THU 22</b>	6.30pm 	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Gary James Conlon RIP
<b>FRI 23</b>	6.30pm 	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Patron of Europe	Private Intention
<b>SAT 24</b>	10.00am 	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Guilherme Miguel RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
<b>SUN 25</b>	10.00am 	17 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Debbie McGrath RIP
	6.30pm		Kathleen and William Aldridge RIP

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** After every Mass, and by appointment.

**Church Open for Individual Prayer:** Daily 7.00am-8.30pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday-Friday 7.00-8.30pm

**Rosary:** Friday 7.00pm



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## FR ANDREW WRITES:

### **Government COVID-19 Response Roadmap: Step 4 Guidance**

The bishops have issued guidance as we move into “Step 4” on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Despite the removal of COVID-19 legislation, we must still ensure that the church is a safe environment and, for now, much in our parish will stay as it is.

**Booking for Mass.** From next weekend, it is no longer necessary to register in advance for Sunday Mass. During these quieter summer months, we remain below our present safe capacity. You are asked still to check-in using the NHS Covid-19 app, as you would in restaurants and other venues.

**Masks,** although no longer a legal requirement from Monday, are still recommended in church to reduce aerosol and droplet spread. There are legitimate exemptions, and no one should be asked to explain themselves if they are not wearing a mask.

**Congregational singing** is permitted from 19<sup>th</sup> July, but we will phase it in gradually after the summer.

More information to come in the weeks ahead. For now we continue as we have been.

### **Fr Alan Griffin RIP**

Fr Alan Griffin died 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020. He was a priest of the Ordinariate and lived in retirement in Wapping for many years, covering Masses here in the parish as needed. He died by suicide. I did not share this at the time, and I do so now because it was reported by the BBC News on Friday, following the outcome of the inquest into his death. The Coroner identified failings in the safeguarding services of the Church of England and our own Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster, and these formed the basis of the news article. The statement from the Diocese of Westminster:

*We express our sorrow and dismay at the death of Fr Alan Griffin. We extend our condolences to his family and friends. This has been a great shock to us all. We are grateful to the work of the Coroner in bringing to light the complex circumstances of this tragic situation and we acknowledge the coroner's conclusions. We are cooperating fully with the Catholic Standards Safeguarding Agency in its review so that every lesson can be learned from this tragedy.*

It saddens me greatly that Fr Alan's death might have been avoided. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul, and for the Lord to send his healing to all who have been affected. I am happy to discuss this and answer any questions you might have.

With my best wishes and assurance of prayers for you all, Fr Andrew.

## **PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

(8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**Thank you** to Fr Harry and Fr Mike for celebrating the Masses while Fr Andrew was away on holiday. Please pray for the community of Jesuit priests as they move to their new homes over the summer.

**Going Away over the Summer:** To those many parishioners going away now over the summer, we wish you safe journeys and a peaceful and relaxing break. You can still follow the Mass online from Wapping on Sunday mornings or, even better, attend in person at your local church so you can receive the fullness of the Lord's grace in the Holy Eucharist. We look forward to welcoming you back after the summer.

**Sunday Obligation** – Our archbishop, Vincent Cardinal Nichols, has confirmed that the obligation on Catholics to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended after 19<sup>th</sup> July. The bishops hope that it will be possible for all Catholics to return to Mass by the First Sunday of Advent 2021. In the meantime, they recognise that it is still not possible for all the faithful to attend on Sundays. That said, we must work to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives, and to rekindle in our hearts a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. Please judge for yourselves. If you can attend Mass in person, and it is safe for you, you are encouraged to do so.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

**Abortion victory** – Thank you to those who contacted our MP about the attempts to introduce two extreme abortion proposals to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. Both amendments were withdrawn after it became clear they would be defeated at a vote. Right To Life ([righttolife.org.uk](http://righttolife.org.uk)) is an excellent mission, supported by the Catholic Church, to protect and defend the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death. Follow them on social media to stay informed.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/news/major-pro-life-victory-attempt-to-introduce-abortion-on-demand-for-any-reason-up-to-birth-fails>

**Weekday livestreamed Masses resume from Monday.**

### **REGULAR NOTICES**

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

**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://youtu.be/X4wb-MueY18>

**Church Cleaning, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am (Beryl's Team)** – Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

**Faith and Life Group** – Meets to pray, connect and explore different topics and questions in the rhythm of everyday Christian life. Mainly for those in their 20s and 30s. Meetings will resume in September.

**Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come** – Sessions will resume in September.

**Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation** – Sessions will resume in September.



### **SUPPORTING THE PARISH**

With the limitations on Mass attendance, our offertory is reduced and your giving matters now more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

**Bank Transfer/Standing Order** (One-off donations or regular standing order):

Account Name: **WRCDT Wapping**

Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Account Number: **21255339**

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