

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year B) 21st November 2021

SAT 20 Nov	6.30pm		Dora Israel & Israel Family RIP
SUN 21	10.00am 	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		William & Kathleen RIP
MON 22	10.00am 	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	St Patrick's Community of Artists
TUE 23	10.00am 	Feria, Last Week of Year I	Bill Delay RIP Anni.
WED 24	No Mass	St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	
THU 25	6.30pm 	Feria	Chriss Kumar RIP
FRI 26	6.30pm 	Feria	Aideen Talbot RIP
SAT 27	10.00am 	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Ravindra & Chriss Kumar RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 28	10.00am 	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	Deceased Members of the McCartney Family
	6.30pm		Phyllis & Harry Commons RIP Anni.

Masses marked  are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

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 7.30-8.30pm

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm



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CELEBRATING **150** YEARS 1871-2021

FR ANDREW WRITES:

Honouring Sunday and Attendance at Sunday Mass

The bishops of England and Wales have written about the importance of Sunday as The Day of the Lord and of gathering for the celebration of Sunday Mass as the Body of Christ.

An extract from their letter, *Honouring Sunday*:

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.

We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass.

The full letter is available here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/>

I would like to echo these words myself. For those who are vulnerable, it is still perfectly legitimate to refrain from attending Mass in person. Thankfully, livestreaming has proved successful and helpful for many people during this time. That said, it does not supply for the full reality of the Mass and the graces that flow from participating in it. I ask only, for your sake, that you consider your own circumstances.

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Monday-Friday 7.30-8.30pm – A reminder that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for private adoration every weekday evening. Please consider stopping by to spend a few minutes in the company of the Lord.

This Weekend: Sick and Retired Priests' Fund Collection – There are more than 80 sick and retired priests supported by the Fund, and this number is set to double by 2025. Parish priests must offer their resignations at 75, though many continue to serve as long as they are able. They are dependent on the archdiocese for their care, including for housing and health needs. There are Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of church and you can donate using the card machines, too.

Sleeping Beauty – Parish Panto – Tickets now on sale for St Patrick's 8th annual Christmas panto. Join us for music and mayhem! Saturday 4th December, 7.30pm; Sunday 5th December, 12noon & 4.30pm. Adults £10, children & seniors £5. Please book online. Technophobes, please contact Jo in the Parish Office!

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

Synodal Pathway, Tuesday 30th November, 7.00pm, St Mary and St Michael, Commercial Road, with Bishop Nicholas Hudson – This is Pope Francis's initiative for a global Church listening process, to discern the will of the Holy Spirit and guide the decisions made by the Synod of Bishops when they meet in 2023.

Parish Master Plan Consultation Meeting, Sunday 21st November, 11am – On display in the narthex in church are draft plans for the development of our parish buildings. The Buildings Committee have worked on these with Dow Jones Architects, and they are now ready for parish consultation. Please do have a look at them. The parish meeting on Sunday 21st November, 11am, is an opportunity to give feedback and ask questions. The architects will be present.

Operation Elf (Prisoners Advice and Care Trust) – We are looking for donations of £10 gift cards for prisoners to give their children as Christmas gifts. Any appropriate shop for a child to choose a gift. Please £10 only! If you want to donate more, buy multiple £10 cards. It is important that these are physical gift cards, as prisoners have no way to send e-cards and e-vouchers to their children. Deadline is Sunday 28th November.

Flower Team – Help Needed – The flower team arrange the flowers in church on a rota and work together for big occasions like Christmas and Easter. We need some

extra help. No experience necessary... on-the-job training provided by our experts! Please email Fr Andrew or the Parish Office.

Pensioners' Christmas Party, Thursday 9th December, 12noon, Parish Centre - We are pleased that State Street Bank will once again be involved with providing help on the day. St Patrick's will provide the Christmas lunch and entertainment. To reserve your place, please contact Jo in the Parish Office.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – Registration is now open for the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programme, beginning Jan 2021. Children should be in year 3 at school and above, living (or regularly worshipping) in Wapping, and you must be practicing your faith. Deadline for registration is 12th December:

<https://rcwapping.typeform.com/holycommunion>

Youth Confirmation – Registration is now open for the youth Confirmation programme. Young people should be in year 8 at school and above, living (or regularly worshipping) in Wapping, and you must be practicing your faith. Deadline for registration is 12th December:

<https://rcwapping.typeform.com/confirmation>

Photographs Wanted – We are looking for photographs of the parish, the older the better, for the 150th anniversary. We will scan them in and return them to you. Particularly the following: the band, processions, the church and school, the Social Club, and anything else of Wapping over the last 150 years. More information, please contact Jo:

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REGULAR NOTICES

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

Church Cleaning, Saturday 27th November, 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. More information about resuming sessions next weekend.

Rosary Group – Meets in church, Fridays 7.00pm; also daily Rosary at home via WhatsApp. Prayer for the intentions of the Church, parish and all parishioners.

RCIA – Next session Thursday 2nd December, 7.30pm at Pollyanna, Raine House.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 30th November, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

The Annual Report and Accounts for the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust for 2020 have now been published. This is the charitable trust to which the majority of parishes in our diocese belong, including our own: <https://bit.ly/DowAccounts2020>

Westminster Cathedral Choir, A Christmas Celebration, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th December, 7.30pm. Christmas choral music with the world-famous choir, favourite congregational carols, an array of celebrity readers. Book online:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/westminster-cathedral-tickets-london/venue/254582>

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

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

Account Name: **WRCDT Wapping** Sort Code: **40-05-20** Account Number: **21255339**

Reference: **Surname and First Initial** (optionally the purpose of the donation)

Online (Credit/Debit Card or PayPal): parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/donate/

Gift Aid – 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. Register by emailing giftaid@rcdow.org.uk

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