St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

30th January 2022

SAT 29 Jan	6.30pm		Elizabeth Galvin RIP
SUN 30	10.00am ▶	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Pamela Smith RIP
	6.30pm		John Paul Galvin RIP
MON 31	10.00am ▶	St John Bosco, Priest	Elizabeth Galvin RIP
TUE 1 Feb	10.00am ▶	Feria	Rebecca Carlisle-Healy (Ints)
WED 2	*No Mass*	*THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD*	
THU 3	6.30pm ▶	Ss Lawrence, Dunstan & Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury	Kathleen Bridget Aspell RIP (B'day)
FRI 4	6.30pm ▶	Feria	Rita (Ints)
SAT 5	10.00am ▶	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	Private Intention
	6.30pm		John Paul Galvin RIP
SUN 6	10.00am ▶	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Nora Fuller RIP (B'day)
	6.30pm		Elizabeth Galvin RIP

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-8.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday 7.00-8.00pm

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

COVID-19 Lifting of 'Plan B'

The Bishops' Conference, with the advice of Public Health England, has updated its guidance to parishes in light of the Government's lifting of the 'Plan B' measures on 27th January. The scientific consensus is that the virus is moving from the pandemic phase to the endemic phase. There is still a need for caution against infection, but this should be balanced against the need to move towards a normal lifestyle.

For now, this means:

- Masks are no longer legally required in church, but still recommended as an act of charity for others. Masks are available at the back of church.
- We will resume the *Sign of Peace* at Mass, by exchanging "peace be with you" verbally but still not shaking hands.
- Holy water will be returned to the stoops and refreshed weekly.

In the weeks ahead:

- Altar servers will soon be invited back to serve at Mass.
- Tea and coffee will resume after Sunday 10am Mass, but in the Parish Centre to give more room.
- Children's liturgy will resume during Mass in the narthex for the under-5s.

There will be no return to Holy Communion under two kinds. The sharing of the Chalice at Mass, although it became commonplace for a short time, was never intended to be a regular practice in parish churches, and it is simply not hygienic to distribute the Precious Blood in this way. The whole of the Lord Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity is contained equally in both species (the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood), so you do not miss out by receiving the Body of Christ only at Mass.

I want to thank, once again, all the members of our parish cleaning teams and all our stewards for their hard work in keeping our church safe during the pandemic. It has been a great work of service to the Lord and of charity to our brothers and sisters. Those efforts continue. We still need help with this. Please speak to me.

I wish you all God's blessing for the week ahead. Fr Andrew.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Advance Notice – Parish 150th Anniversary Quiz Night, Friday 11th March, 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre. More details to follow, but please save the date.

Refugee Sponsorship – On Sunday, we welcome Brendan Cox to speak about a new local community initiative to welcome a refugee family through the Government's Community Sponsorship Programme. Please make him welcome.

Thanks from CAFOD – We raised £902 for CAFOD through the Harvest Fast Day and sales of St Patrick's honey. They wrote to express their thanks for the generosity of parishioners and the local community in Wapping. The letter is in the porch.

St Vincent de Paul Society – We are looking for some volunteers to re-establish the SVP in our parish. The group will pray, visit and befriend the housebound, and offer practical help to those in need. If anyone has experience of the SVP, that would also be very helpful. Please email or speak to Fr Andrew.

Mass Books – Free – Please help yourself to a set of the parish Mass books, from the narthex. They contain the three-year cycle of readings at Sunday Mass (two volumes for each year, six books in total in a set). Now that we have the screens, we will not use them anymore. The remainder we will donate or recycle.

Church Cleaning – we need help! There are currently three teams cleaning the church on Saturday mornings on a rota, all in need of extra help. If you can spare an hour every third or fourth week, please speak to Fr Andrew or one of the stewards after Mass at the weekend.

Epic: A Journey Through Church History – Over two thousand years, holy men and women built the Church into a great civilisation and spread the Gospel throughout the world. The history of the Church is not just popes and saints; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. This study course will take place over 20 weeks, broken into blocks over the next year. Meetings will be held fortnightly on Thursday evenings, 7.15pm, on Zoom, beginning 17th February. Please register:
https://rcwapping.typeform.com/epiccourse

Certificates of Catholic Practice and other references for nursery admissions in September 2022. Rest assured that there has been no obligation to attend Sunday Mass since lockdown began in March 2020, so this period will not affect your eligibility. The local authority deadline for nursery applications is 16th February. To request forms: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/schools/ccp/

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 5th February, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi's Team) – Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation – Monday 31st January, 6.30pm, on Zoom.

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 10th February, 7.30pm, meeting in the Presbytery.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 8th February, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

First Holy Communion – Next session (parents and children): Sunday 6th February, 11.30am, Parish Centre. Parents' session Monday 7th February, 7.30pm, Zoom.

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!

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

