St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

6th February 2022

SAT 5 Feb	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
MON 7	10.00am	Feria	Private Intention
TUE 8	10.00am	St Josephine Bakhita	Private Intention
WED 9	*No Mass*	*Feria*	
THU 10	6.30pm	St Scholastica, Virgin	Ravindra & Mary Christina Kumar RIP
FRI 11	6.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Martin & Derek Hoye RIP
SAT 12	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Dora Israel RIP (B'day)
SUN 13	10.00am	6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Harry & Peggy RIP & Joan (Ints)
	6.30pm		Kumar Family Living and Deceased

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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CELEBRATING **150** YEARS 1871-2021

FR ANDREW WRITES:

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Friday is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. It is a good opportunity to mention the importance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Christ gave us the sacraments to help us, so it is good to make use of them!

Who can receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick? Any member of the faithful as soon there is a danger of death because of sickness or old age. This sacrament can be given several times as an illness worsens or if another serious sickness begins. **It is a sacrament of healing, and not only for the point of death**.

What are the effects of this sacrament? This sacrament confers a special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ. It gives comfort, peace, courage and the forgiveness of sins (if the sick person is not able to make a confession). Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this sacrament brings physical healing. Sometimes, it prepares the sick person for the journey to the Father's house.

What should I do? If you are in danger of death through illness or frailty, or if you are about to undergo a serious operation in which there is a danger of death, ask me for the Sacrament of the Sick. Likewise, if you know someone who should receive it, speak to them first and then speak to me (or the hospital chaplain or local priest if elsewhere). **Most importantly, do not leave it until it is too late**. The sacraments are only for the living, and it is better to be cautious by requesting the sacrament early.

What if I am in hospital? Inform the nursing staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like your details to be passed to the Roman Catholic Chaplain. Even if you state your religion when you are admitted, this information is not automatically sent to the hospital chaplains. You have to ask.

Presently, there is no Catholic Chaplain for the Royal London and St Bart's hospitals. The NHS Trust and the Diocese are working together to find a priest as soon as possible. In the meantime, cover is being provided by some of the local parish priests, including me. If I know a parishioner is in hospital, I will happily visit.

Want to know more? *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1499-1532.

"Is any man sick among you? Let him send for the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man: and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he has any sins, they shall be forgiven him." (James 5:14-15)

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

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.

Thank you from the Catholic Children's Society – We received a thank you letter for the donations made at the Christmas Crib, totally £92.

Refugee Family Sponsorship – Last Sunday, Brendan Cox spoke about a new local community initiative to welcome a refugee family to Wapping through the Government's Community Sponsorship Programme. Families with local community often have better outcomes in terms of integration, finding work, progress in school, etc. The responsibility includes preparations for a family to relocate to the UK and then supporting them for their first year. It is hoped that this is an exercise to strengthen, too, our local community. This is only the initial stages. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Fr Andrew.

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.

Musicians for the Procession – One of the events planned for our 150th anniversary year is a fuller recreation of the Wapping procession day of the past. It is planned for Corpus Christi, Sunday 19th June 2022. We are looking for musicians to form a band for the procession. If you play an instrument, please speak to Fr Andrew.

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

REGULAR NOTICES

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

Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation – Monday 7th February, 6.30pm, on Zoom.

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

Church Cleaning, Saturday 12th February, 10.30am (Beryl's Team) – Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Epic: A Journey Through Church History – Thursday 17th February, 7.15pm, 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 coming soon.

First Holy Communion – First session (parents and children) POSTPONED. Now: Sunday 27th February, 11.30am, Parish Centre. Parents' session Monday 28th February, 7.30pm, on Zoom.

RCIA – Next session Thursday 10th February, 7.30pm, meeting on Zoom.

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.

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/

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