St Patrick's Catholic Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

13th February 2022

SAT 12 Feb	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
MON 14	10.00am	SS CYRIL, Monk, & METHODIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	Caroline Murphy RIP
TUE 15	10.00am	Feria	Ravi & Chriss Kumar RIP
WED 16	*No Mass*	*Feria*	
THU 17	6.30pm	Feria	Lizzie & Leslie Lucas RIP
FRI 18	6.30pm	Feria	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP
SAT 19	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Emma Louise Niblett (Ints)
	6.30pm		Sharon Israel (B'day Ints)
SUN 20	10.00am	7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Kathleen Bridget Aspell 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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CELEBRATING **150** YEARS 1871-2021

FR ANDREW WRITES:

On Freedom

I'm preaching today about freedom. I thought I'd share with you what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has to say on the subject:

1739. Freedom and sin. Man's freedom is limited and fallible. In fact, man failed. He freely sinned. By refusing God's plan of love, he deceived himself and became a slave to sin. This first alienation engendered a multitude of others. From its outset, human history attests the wretchedness and oppression born of the human heart in consequence of the abuse of freedom.

1740. Threats to freedom. The exercise of freedom does not imply a right to say or do everything. It is false to maintain that man, the subject of this freedom, is an individual who is fully self-sufficient and whose finality is the satisfaction of his own interests in the enjoyment of earthly goods. Moreover, the economic, social, political, and cultural conditions that are needed for a just exercise of freedom are too often disregarded or violated. Such situations of blindness and injustice injure the moral life and involve the strong as well as the weak in the temptation to sin against charity. By deviating from the moral law man violates his own freedom, becomes imprisoned within himself, disrupts neighbourly fellowship, and rebels against divine truth.

1741. Liberation and salvation. By his glorious Cross Christ has won salvation for all men. He redeemed them from the sin that held them in bondage. "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). In him we have communion with the "truth that makes us free" (John 8:32). The Holy Spirit has been given to us and, as the Apostle teaches, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 17). Already we glory in the "liberty of the children of God" (Romans 8:21).

1742. Freedom and grace. The grace of Christ is not in the slightest way a rival of our freedom when this freedom accords with the sense of the true and the good that God has put in the human heart. On the contrary, as Christian experience attests especially in prayer, the more docile we are to the promptings of grace, the more we grow in inner freedom and confidence during trials, such as those we face in the pressures and constraints of the outer world. By the working of grace the Holy Spirit educates us in spiritual freedom in order to make us free collaborators in his work in the Church and in the world:

Almighty and merciful God,
in your goodness take away from us
all that is harmful,
so that, made ready both in mind and body,
we may freely accomplish your will. Amen.

"Freedom" is not the same as "free choice"! Our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ frees us from things that would prevent us from becoming authentic, fulfilled human beings. With freedom from those things, we can make the best use of our free choice.

God bless you all. Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

New Readers – We are looking for new readers for the Sunday Masses (including Saturday evening). Please speak to Fr Andrew if you think you might be able to serve our parish in this way.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022, 3pm – The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples who are celebrating this year their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and every year over 60) anniversaries of Catholic marriage. For an invitation, please contact Fr Andrew with your full names, wedding date, postal address and email.

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 Family Sponsorship – The parish is supporting 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. More information will be shared when we have it.

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 21st February, 6.30pm, on Zoom.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 22nd February, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 19th February, 11.00am (Caroline'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) Sunday 27th February, 11.30am, Parish Centre. Parents' session Monday 28th February, 7.30pm, on Zoom.

RCIA – Next session Thursday 24th 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.

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)

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