St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

14th May 2023

SAT 13 May	6.30pm		People of Parish
SUN 14	10.00am ▶	+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Terence Paris (B'day Ints)
	6.30pm		Monica Clark RIP
MON 15	10.00am ▶	Easter Feria	Chriss Kumar RIP
TUE 16	10.00am ▶	Easter Feria	Frank Game RIP
WED 17	*No Mass*	Easter Feria	
THU 18	**10.00am** ▶	**+ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**	St Patrick's Artist Community
	6.30pm		Ravindra Kumar RIP
FRI 19	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Adrian Tobin RIP
SAT 20	10.00am ▶	Easter Feria	Diego Prandina RIP
	6.30pm		Gary James Conlon RIP
SUN 21	10.00am ▶	+ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Adrian Tobin RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

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

The Rosary: Tuesday-Friday 7.15pm

Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri 7.00am **Evening Prayer:** Tue-Thu 7.00pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, recalling that 40 days after his Resurrection the Lord Jesus "returned to his Father". It is a Holyday of Obligation: there is Mass at 10.00am and 6.30pm.

The Gospels describe a physical movement: Jesus was lifted up into the clouds and afterwards he was not to be found physically on this earth anymore. More importantly, though, this was a spiritual movement of the Lord Jesus: in returning to his Father, he moved deeper into creation, to encompass creation as a whole. The Ascension was not a "moving away" but a "moving within" or a "moving deeper".

The reciprocal action, which completed the Ascension of Jesus, came ten days later when the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. In the intervening period, the disciples gathered with Mary in the Upper Room. The Lord had promised them the Spirit would come. They spent those nine days in prayer, until the Holy Spirit descended upon them, and they set out to proclaim the Gospel to the world. The Church came to life.

That nine-day period between the Ascension and Pentecost was the first "novena". Since that time, there has been a special place in Christian prayer for a novena – nine days of prayer for a particular intention as we prepare for a feast day. We'll pray the novena to the Holy Spirit each day after Mass between the Ascension and Pentecost. You can also pray the Novena at home:

https://www.walsingham.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/holy-spirit-novena.pdf

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

May: For ecclesial movements and groups. Let us pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their evangelising mission, and that they place their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.

PARISH NOTICES

The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life – A new seven-week series to take you on a journey through life's deepest and most enduring questions, exploring the meaning and purpose of life and death, sorrow and happiness, science and faith. Wednesday evenings, 7pm, in the Upper Room in the Parish Centre. Hosted by our new Men's Group, but open to everyone to attend. Please register:

rcwapping.typeform.com/thesearch

Wapping Coronation Street Party - Thank you to all who contributed to the wonderful celebration of the King's Coronation last Sunday. We raised an amazing £991 which will be put towards the Church restoration fund.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: There will be tea and coffee in the Parish Centre from 11am on Sunday 21st May (after Mass), to provide an opportunity to ask questions of parishioners who took part in last year's pilgrimage. This year's pilgrimage will take place from Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP, including visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Full details: http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL

Thursday: Ascension – Holyday of Obligation: Masses at 10am and 6.30pm.

Funeral Mass of Denis Franey – Thursday 25th May, 11am. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul and for his family.

REGULAR NOTICES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Patricia Monehen, Beatrice Bourke, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen Franey.

And for the recently departed, including: Denis Franey.

Tea and Coffee – Please come and join us for tea and coffee after the 10am Mass this Sunday in the parish centre. All welcome, we look for to seeing you.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 23rd May, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 20th May, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Christian Discovery Group, for those interested in learning more about Catholic faith – next session Thursday 18th May, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery.

The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life – Next session, Wednesday 17th May, 7pm, in the Upper Room, Parish Centre. See above.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Vocations Evening, Wednesday 17th May – An Open Evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Evening Mass at 6pm followed by a short presentation, informal

conversations and refreshments in the social centre. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

'Come and See' – Introduction to the Diaconate, Saturday 20th May – For men considering a vocation as a deacon or wanting to know more about the Permanent Diaconate. Introductory morning, 10am-12noon, New Southgate Parish Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes, 373 Bowes Road, N11 1AA. Please contact Deacon Colin Macken: colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk

Exhibition: St Francis of Assisi, 6th May-30th July, The National Gallery – Exploring the life and legacy of St Francis of Assisi. Curated by the Director of The National Gallery, Dr Gabriele Finaldi, with Dr Joost Joustra, Curator in Art and Religion, the exhibition will include paintings by Botticelli, Sassetta, Caravaggio, Murillo, El Greco, and Antony Gormley as well as a new commission from Richard Long. Admission free: https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi

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



REGULAR NOTICES

Getting Married? – Six months' notice is required for marriage. If you live in Wapping but are planning to marry elsewhere, even in your home country, you need to see Fr Andrew at least six months beforehand. This is very important!

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!
https://www.bowfoodbank.org/give-food/

Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline – Catholic Listeners is a new confidential listening helpline, set up for those who are returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk:

0800 448 0704

Financial Resilience and Cost of Living – Some resources to support those struggling with the increased cost of living:

1. **Cost of Living Hub** (Mayor of London): https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub
2. **Energy debts:** https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/
3. **National Energy Action:** Warm and Safe Homes helpline 0800 304 7159
4. **Green Doctors London:** Energy advice https://london.greendoctors.org.uk

Interested in Working for the Church? – The Diocese of Westminster advertises job vacancies for parishes and central services online: rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/

St Joseph's Hospice is the only Catholic hospice in Greater London, available to this parish and everyone across East and North London regardless of background. It serves our community through in-patient care of the terminally ill, Day Hospice for out-patient care and home visits. It is an independent charity run by the Religious Sisters of Charity. For more information: 020 8525 6035 www.stjh.org.uk

Interested in Catholic Faith – If you not a Catholic but interested in finding out more about Catholic faith, please get in touch with Fr Andrew directly.

Caritas Kingsland Saturday Club, for people with learning difficulties and additional needs, and their families. Third Sunday of each month at the church hall of Our Lady and St Joseph, 100a Balls Pond Road, London N1 4AG. For more information contact Gerald McEnery 07989 895257.

Calix Society for Recovering Alcoholics – The Calix Society offers a Catholic ministry to alcoholics in recovery by deepening or rediscovering their faith and sharing the healing mercy of God. Meetings are held every Thursday at the Calix Centre, Church of Our Lady, 54 Lodge Road, NW8 8LA. For details:

www.calixsociety.org.uk | 07762 570361 | calixsjw@btinternet.com

The St Katharine and Wapping Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel has a website: www.skw-wardpanel.org. It contains information and links for reporting anti-social behaviour to Tower Hamlets and the Police, information about Streetlink for reporting

rough sleepers, and local news and upcoming events. We also recommend that Wapping residents register for OWL ('Online Watch Link'), to stay updated with local security advice and information and incident reports: www.owl.co.uk. As a local community, it is good for us to be connected together and to look out for each other.