St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

21st May 2023

SAT 20 May	6.30pm		Gary James Conlon RIP
SUN 21	10.00am	+ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Adrian Tobin RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 22	10.00am	Easter Feria	Adrian Tobin RIP
TUE 23	10.00am	Easter Feria	Canon Digby Samuels RIP
WED 24	*No Mass*	Easter Feria	
THU 25	**11.00am**	**Funeral of Denis Franey RIP**	
	6.30pm	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor	Chriss Kumar RIP
FRI 26	6.30pm	St Philip Neri, Priest	Remo & Vera Bardi RIP
SAT 27	10.00am	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop	Marian Macrae Hermann (Ints)
	6.30pm		Helen Jennings RIP
SUN 28	10.00am	+ **PENTECOST SUNDAY**	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Vanda Reilly 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

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:

World Communications Day

The Sunday following the Ascension of the Lord is World Communications Day. It was established by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1967 as an annual day of reflection and prayer about modern means of communication and how the Church can engage with them to communicate the Gospel message. Pope Saint John Paul II, in 1990, called the world of communications "the first Areopagus of the modern age, unifying humanity and turning it into what is known as a global village." We pray today especially for those Christians working in media, and for those initiatives and apostolic works that engage with modern media.

The Pope writes an annual message for World Communications Day. Pope Francis chose as his theme "the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15), and stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart. You can read his full message here:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message/

Parking Changes Opposite the Church

Now something much more mundane, yet important. Tower Hamlets have proposed extending the parking bay opposite the church by two bays, to compensate for spaces lost to the loading bay for the new Sainsbury's opening on the corner of Green Bank and Wapping Lane. It doesn't affect Sunday Mass (because you can park on the single yellow lines on Sundays), but it will greatly hinder the celebration of funerals on weekdays. At present, the hearse stops by the porch steps during the funeral Mass, and cars can get past because there is no parking opposite the steps. If the parking bays are extended, the hearse will not be able to stop for funerals.

Tower Hamlets have proposed this before, and they have listened to my objection. This time, Sainsbury's are forcing the issue and it seems likely to be implemented.

Please consider emailing to object to "the proposal to extend the shared use bat on Green Bank, north side, opposite St Patrick's RC Church". The deadline is this Friday, 26th May. Thank you. parking.TMO@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Finally, I am away this week Monday-Wednesday visiting the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain. We have two of our diocesan seminarians there this year, including Ashley Wells who stayed in our parish in January this year. Please pray for them and for vocations to the priesthood! 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

We welcome Fr Ray Warren OMI from Tower Hill for Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday this week, while Fr Andrew is away.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: There will be tea and coffee in the Parish Centre from 11am this 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

Funeral Mass of Denis Franey – This 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.

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 this Tuesday 23rd May, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 27th May, 10.30am (Beryl'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 – will resume in September. Please speak to Fr Andrew if interested.

The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life – Next session, Wednesday 24th May, 7pm, in the Upper Room, Parish Centre.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Untold Stories: The Holy Land and Us, Our Lady of Victories (235A Kensington High Street, W8 6SA), Tuesday 30th May, 7.00-8.30pm – A conversation between Sarah Agha, co-presenter of the acclaimed BBC2 series, and Dr Harry Hagopian, ecumenical consultant, international lawyer & analyst on the MENA & Gulf regions. This event is inspired by the BBC2 documentary featuring Sarah Agha & Rob Rinder. We hope to gain some insight into the Palestinian al-Nakba (or the "Great Catastrophe") – the name given to the dramatic and multi-layered impact upon Palestinians following the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. The documentary is on BBC iPlayer:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001k3wj

You can also watch Dr Hagopian's take of the 2 narratives on his You-Tube channel:
https://youtu.be/Vm-qvByXHIc

Refreshments follow. Admission free, no ticket needed, but please register if possible:
https://untold-stories.eventbrite.co.uk

Visit of Blessed Carlo Acutis's Mother:

1. Wednesday 31st May, 7.30-9.00pm, Immaculate Conception, Farm Street (Mayfair, W1K 3AH) – Antonia Salzano, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, is making a short visit to London. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction presided over by Bishop Hudson, especially for young people of the diocese. During this time Antonia will talk about her son's trust and focus on the Lord in the Eucharist.

2. Thursday 1st June, 6.30pm, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane (Covent Garden WC2E 7NB) – Sung Mass after which Antonia will also talk about her son, his life and his relationship with the Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo.

Run the London Marathon 2024 for the Jesuit Refugee Service – If you'd like to run the London Marathon next year in support of JRS, you can find out more and apply online. The money that you raise will go directly to supporting destitute refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. www.jrsuk.net/london-marathon

Support the Jesuit Refugee Service at the London Legal Walk 2023 – JRS UK will be taking part in the London Legal Walk in support of its own in-house Legal Project on Tuesday 13th June. If you'd like to walk with us, or to donate to our Legal Project, there are details online. Your donation will go towards ensuring that our refugee friends have access to the legal representation they need to be finally recognised as a refugee here in the UK and find a route out of the destitution they face.
www.jrsuk.net/london-legal-walk

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.