St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year A)

28th May 2023

SAT 27 May	6.30pm		Helen Jennings RIP
SUN 28	10.00am	+ **PENTECOST SUNDAY**	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Vanda Reilly RIP
MON 29	**11.00am**	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Canon Digby Samuels RIP
TUE 30	10.00am	Feria	Mervin Rodrigues (Ints)
WED 31	*No Mass*	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
THU 1	**10.00am**	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Jack Griffiths RIP
FRI 2	6.30pm	Feria	Dan McAlinden RIP
SAT 3	~~10.00am~~	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs **(No Morning Mass)**	
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 4	10.00am	**+ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**	Mary Condon RIP
	6.30pm		Private Intention

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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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Holy Spirit

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that the Holy Spirit "has been in some ways the neglected person of the Blessed Trinity." We don't often speak of the Holy Spirit directly, so I thought I would write a little about him.

The Holy Spirit is a distinct person of the Holy Trinity. We say in the Creed that he "proceeds from the Father and the Son." He was not created, he exists eternally, but he does *come forth* from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the personification of the eternal relationship of self-giving love between the Father and the Son.

Ten days after the Ascension of Jesus, the Holy Spirit poured into the apostles on this Pentecost day, and the Lord Jesus was born again in the Church. He is the animating principle of the Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The reason we don't often speak of the Holy Spirit directly is that he points always to Christ. He prepares us with grace to know Christ; he opens our minds to understand Christ; he makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist; he draws us into communion with Christ. He does not speak about himself.

At your Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit descended upon you and made his home with you. The creator of the universe is within you, the one who flows from the love of Father and Son, drawing you into that inner life of God. Through the Spirit in you, Christ continues his work in the world. I recommend praying to the Holy Spirit often. The first prayer I say on waking each morning is just this: Come, Holy Spirit.

My sincere thanks to the flower team for another beautiful arrangement for Pentecost!

With my prayers and best wishes, and a happy Pentecost, 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.

June: For the abolition of torture. Let us pray that the international community may commit itself concretely to abolish torture, guaranteeing support to victims and their families.

PARISH NOTICES

Changes to Mass this week – Bank Holiday Monday Mass at 11am; Thursday Mass at 10.00am.

'The Oratory' screening: we will be showing CAFOD's exclusive screening of 'The Oratory' at 7pm on Thursday 8 June in the Upper Room (newly refurbished by the Men's Group). The film tells the story of an African American Catholic priest, who, after struggling to find purpose, inspired by the life of Don Bosco, ends up in Lagos, Nigeria working with street children. More details about the screening here:
www.bigmarker.com/cafod/The-Oratory

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: 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

Thank you to last year's Holy Land pilgrims for hosting tea and coffee last Sunday and sharing their experiences of the pilgrimage. If anyone would like to go, but prevented by cost, please speak privately to Fr Andrew as some limited help is available. If anyone would like to donate to help defray the cost for another person to go to the Holy Land, again please speak to Fr Andrew.

REGULAR NOTICES

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

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 6th June, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 3rd June, 11am (Caroline'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 31st 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.

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.