

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

5th May 2024

SAT 4 May	6.30pm		The Aldridges (Ints)
SUN 5	10.00am 	+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Marie Jermey RIP (Anni.)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 6	<u>11.00am</u> 	Easter Feria	Nora Fuller RIP
TUE 7	<u>9.00am</u> 	Easter Feria	Annette van Leuven RIP (Anni.)
WED 8	<i>No Mass</i>	Easter Feria	
THU 9	<u>10.00am</u> 		Vocations for the Priesthood
	6.30pm	+ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	John Sullivan RIP B'day
FRI 10	6.30pm 	Easter Feria	Birthday Intentions for Lola
SAT 11	10.00am 	Easter Feria	Private Intention
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 12	10.00am 	+ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Intentions of Paris Family
	6.30pm		Christina Kumar RIP

Masses marked  are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday & Sunday 6.00pm.

Church Open for Individual Prayer: Daily 7.00am-8.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday 5.45-6.15pm. Friday 7.00-8.00pm.

The Rosary: Friday 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 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>

Confirmations: A word of thanks to the many parishioners who contributed to a beautifully prayerful Confirmation celebration on Thursday last week with Bishop Hudson. Our parish family cleaned, decorated, prepared, welcomed, served, played, and sang, and it was a joy to witness 21 teenagers receive the Gift himself, the Holy Spirit, and become, with us, witnesses to the Lord Jesus. Please pray for them.

New Auxiliary Bishop: Pope Francis has appointed Mgr Jim Curry, currently Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories in Kensington, as Auxiliary Bishop for our archdiocese. The bishop-elect brings us to a full complement of four auxiliary bishops, assisting our diocesan bishop, Cardinal Nichols. He will be ordained on Tuesday 18th June, 12noon, in the Cathedral.

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION

May: For the Formation of Men and Women Religious, and Seminarians. Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

PARISH NOTICES

Changes to Mass times: Bank Holiday Monday Mass at 11am, Tuesday Mass at 9am.

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord – Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 10am and 6.30pm (and at English Martyrs at 1pm).

First Holy Communion – Next Sunday, 12th May, eight of our young parishioners will make their First Holy Communions at the 10am Mass. Please pray for them as they take this important step in their journey.

Children in School Year 2 – We encourage all parents of children currently in year 2 to begin sending them to Sunday morning catechesis, in preparation for First Holy Communion classes next year.

Praise and Worship during Friday Holy Hour – During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays, 7-8pm, there will now be music and singing to accompany the Rosary, and other guided praise and worship. Please come and join in prayer.

Funeral Mass for the Late Jack Birch – Friday 17th May, 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

Baptism – The next preparation course will begin this Sunday 5th May, beginning immediately after the 10am morning Mass. There are three consecutive sessions run by Catechists Joan and Michelle in the Sacristy. Attendance at all three sessions is necessary before a date for baptism can be arranged with Fr Andrew. If you are expecting, you might find it more convenient to do the Baptism course before your new baby arrives. Sign up online:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/baptism/>

Film and Conversation Night – No session this week. The sessions will resume on Tuesday 14th May, 7.30pm, with a new programme: "Mysteries of the Rosary - The Joyful Mysteries". We live in a time of great crisis, so many are tormented with desolation and despair. Yet the Gospel is exploding with joy. Everyone wants happiness and everyone desires joy. Join us to explore the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary: Joy is attractive, magnetic, and contagious! No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions, everyone is welcome!

Join the Wapping St Vincent de Paul Society – The new St Patrick's SVP Conference has been set up to provide practical support to Wapping residents in need. The Wapping SVP is already carrying out visits to isolated members of our community and is now looking to set up a distribution of free hot meals in Wapping. More volunteers

are needed to enable the SVP to reach out to more beneficiaries. For more information, email: PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk

Parish Movie Night – Saturday 11th May, 8pm, in the Upper Room. Showing 'The Way', a 2010 film produced by Emilio Estevez. Tom, an American doctor, travels to France to collect the remains of his adult son, killed in the Pyrenees while walking the Camino de Santiago. Driven by a profound sadness and desire to understand his son better, Tom embarks on the pilgrimage, leaving his old life behind, soon meeting others from around the world, also looking for greater meaning in their lives. Film rating: 12 (contains soft drug use and references). Free entry (donations invited to help cover the cost of the copyright licence), bring your own snacks and drinks.

REGULAR NOTICES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Joseph Célestin, Ann Sullivan, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen Franey.

And for the recently deceased, including: Jack Birch.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 21st May, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 11th May, 8.30am (Naomi's team).

Film and Conversation Nights – Now on Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Upper Room (Parish Centre). No session on 7th May. New programme starting on 14th May. Friendship, discussion, refreshments.

Parish Movie Nights – Next film Saturday 11th May, 8pm, "The Way", in the Upper Room. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Programme on the notice board.

Rosary Group – Fridays in church at 7pm. Also, daily Rosary at home via WhatsApp. Prayer for the intentions of the Church, parish and all parishioners.

Shared Christian Bookshelf – In the Upper Room, to share books about our faith. All welcome to borrow and contribute books.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Providing practical support to members of our community. For more information or to volunteer: PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk

For assistance or support from the SVP Society: request@svp.org.uk | 0207 703 3030

Sunday Catechesis – For children in school years 2 to 6. Every Sunday (term-time) for 30mins after 10am Mass, Presbytery meeting room, accessed via the Kitchen Garden.

Sunday Tea and Coffee – Sundays after 10am Mass, in the Parish Centre.

Youth Catechesis – For years 7-13, including preparation for Confirmation. Next session, Sunday 5th May, 5pm, in the Upper Room. Speak to Fr Andrew to join.

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

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REGULAR NOTICES

Volunteers for Church Cleaning – We are in desperate need of volunteers to bolster the numbers in our church cleaning teams. There are three teams at present, so the commitment is an hour once every three weeks on a Saturday morning. The teams meet at 8.30am, 10.30am and 11.00am, so there is some flexibility. Cleaning involves light duties: hoovering and sweeping mainly. It is also a good chance to socialise with other parishioners. Please speak to one of the stewards after Mass or email Beryl: beryl.israel@hotmail.com

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!

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.

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

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.