St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

10th May 2026

SAT 9 May	6.30pm		John Sullivan RIP B'day
SUN 10	10.00am ▶	+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Digby Samuels RIP B'day
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 11	10.00am ▶	Easter Feria	Laila Felaifel B'day Ints
TUE 12	10.00am ▶	Easter Feria	People of the Parish
WED 13	*No Mass*	Easter Feria	
THU 14	**10.00am** ▶	**+ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**	Vocations to the Priesthood
	6.30pm		Kumar & Aspell Families
FRI 15	**11.00am**	**Funeral Mass for Elise Fernandez RIP**	
	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Miriam Diadoo RIP
SAT 16	10.00am ▶	Easter Feria	Frank Game RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		Monica Clark RIP
SUN 17	10.00am ▶	+ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Eileen Griffin RIP

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

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Friday 7.00pm. Saturday & Sunday 6.00pm.

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

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

The Rosary: Thursday 7.00pm.

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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PARISH OFFICE: Mon, Tue & Fri 10am-3pm

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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.

It is particularly appropriate that we will celebrate next Saturday the Sacrament of Confirmation with some of our young people, sharing with them the same gifts given to the apostles on that first Pentecost day.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

May: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/

ARCHBISHOP'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Week Two: For those currently discerning a call to the priesthood.

https://rcdow.org.uk/month-of-prayer-for-priestly-vocations/

PARISH NOTICES

Thursday: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a holyday of obligation. Masses 10am and 6.30pm (and at English Martyrs at 1pm).

Funerals:

- **Elise Fernandez RIP** – Friday 15th May, 11am.
- **David Hart RIP** – Tuesday 19th May, 12noon.
- **Ann Sullivan** – Friday 12th June, 11am.

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion next weekend – Some of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saturday evening Mass, and First Holy Communion on Sunday morning. Please keep them in your prayers as the Lord comes to them in a new way.

Pre-season CAFOD Kitchen Garden Sale after Sunday 10am Mass – Sale of courgette, chillis, peppers, aubergine & tomato plants. All proceeds to CAFOD.

Quiz Night, Friday 12th June, 7pm – Our great quiz master Daniel Brennan is back! Join us for a fun evening - £5 per person with a maximum of six people in a team. Option for fish and chip supper, fresh from the Town of Ramsgate, for £16 each. We have a bar and a raffle as well. All proceeds will go towards our restoration fund for the Parish Centre. Contact Jo to book a team: joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

Inaugural Gathering for Young Adults, Sunday 24th May, 7.30pm – We are starting a new group for young adults (18+), providing an opportunity for socialising, mutual support and Christian fellowship, and, depending on the wishes of the group, maybe some faith formation and service of the parish community. The first meeting will be a time for socialising, after the Sunday evening Mass. Please register your interest here: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/youngadults

Church Cleaning – We desperately need more help with church cleaning on Saturdays. We have two teams who clean fortnightly, so it means an hour every four weeks. It's an act of service to care for the Lord's house, and an act of love to all our brothers and sisters who use the church. It's also a good chance to get to know some other parishioners. Please email the Parish Office: wapping@rcdow.org.uk | 020 7481 2202

Infant Baptism – The next Baptism preparation will take place over two sessions on the weekend of the Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st May at 11am, in the presbytery. Please

complete the Baptism registration online at the link below and confirm attendance with Lucy in the Parish Office. Attendance at both sessions is required.

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

Legacies - Legacy giving presents a huge opportunity for our parish and diocese. Often it is gifts for the parish left in wills that allows us to undertake improvement works. A gift can be great or small – it all helps. Everything you need to know, and answers to any questions you might have can be found on the website, or by emailing or calling the diocesan legacies team. Thank you for everything you do for our parish.

legacies@rcdow.org.uk | 020 7798 9025 | https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/legacy

Repository – at the back of church, you will find a range of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts. With our parish celebrations for both sacraments taking place next weekend, it's an ideal time to come and browse the selection after Mass or visit the Parish Office during the week and speak to Lucy or Joann.

PARISH GROUPS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

And the recently departed, including: Ann Sullivan, David Hart, Elise Fernandez.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 12th May, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 14th May, 7.30pm in the presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 23rd May, 10.30am, Beryl's team.

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

St Vincent de Paul Society - Provides practical support to members of our community asking for help. For more information: PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk
For assistance or support from the SVP Society: request@svp.org.uk | 020 7703 3030
Foreign/Old Currency for SVP: Please leave in an envelope or bag marked "SVP" in the sacristy after Mass, or in the Presbytery letterbox.

Sunday 10am Mass Tea & Coffee – Please join us after Mass. If you would like to help, please contact Lucy in the parish office.

Sunday Catechesis (School Years 2-6) – Sundays 11am-12noon in the Parish Hall.

Youth Adults' Group (18+) – Sunday 24th May, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery.

Youth Group (School Years 7-13) – Next session Sat 9th May, 7.30pm, Upper Room.

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/

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