

Repository: At the back of the church there is a selection of devotional cards and gifts for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please put any money for items purchased in the repository box at the back of church.

Gift Aid: If you are a UK taxpayer, irrespective of your income you could add 25p to every £1 that you give to the parish (at no extra cost to yourself) through Gift Aid. You simply need to complete a Gift aid declaration form, and give donations through either standing order or offertory envelopes. Please collect your new envelopes from the back of church. Please note envelope numbers have been reorganised for Gift Aid so you will not have the same number as previously.

Planned Giving Scheme If you normally contribute to the collection through the envelope scheme (whether or not you are part of Gift Aid), please collect new envelopes from the back of church. Gift Aid envelopes are already allocated, but for non-Gift Aid boxes please write your name on the sheet corresponding to the number box you take. Many thanks.

Website: visit our website www.st-patricks-wapping.co.uk and our Facebook page 'St Patrick's Church Wapping' It is a great forum for the parish and now has over 150 members.

Bingo for the over 50s in the Old School Hall. Next session is **Tuesday 26 May 1.30pm.**

Under 7s Football coordinated by Jamie Monehen and Dave Matthews will continue after the 10am morning Mass in Wapping Park this **Sunday 17 May.**

French Classes: for children aged 4/5 years (advanced speaking) Next sessions will be this **Tuesday 19 May 3.45pm** (Intermediate) **5pm** (Beginners)

Summer Fayre Sunday 5 July after the 10am Mass. We are looking for unwanted toys/gifts to sell and/or for people to bake a cake or run a stall on the day. If you can help in any of these ways please contact Jo in the parish office or email her on joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING

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Ascension Sunday

Sunday 17th May 2015

1st Reading:

Acts 1:1-11 Page 269

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23 Page 270

Gospel:

Mark 16:15-20 Page 271

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 16 May	6.30pm	Paris Family
Sun 17 May	10.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Intention of Shelly & Family
Mon 18 May	9.00am	Monica Clark (RIP)
Tue 19 May	9.00am	Priest's Intentions
Wed 20 May	9.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thur 21 May	9.00am	Anna Samuels (RIP)
Fri 22 May	9.00am	Priest's Intentions
Sat 23 May	6.30pm	Andreas Odysseos (RIP)
Sun 24 May	10.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Sheila Birch (RIP)

Holy Hour: Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 6.00pm

In light of the Data Protection Act 1998, please indicate on entering hospital that your details may be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also, state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.



'A WARM WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH'



New Parishioners please fill in a registration form located at the back of the church and make yourself known to Fr David.

Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially: Bridie McGuinness, Monica Ryan, Chrissie Long, Eileen Gallagher, Kate McCarthy, Fraser McDonald, Maggie James, Dan McAlinden, Kevin Ashby, Peggy Duggan, Mary Wallace, Mary Hooper, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

Weekly Offertory (Loose Plate & Envelopes): £582 Standing Orders (weekly): £702

FR DAVID WRITES:

Today is the solemnity of the Lord's Ascension into heaven. Today we reaffirm our faith in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. There is no grave on earth where we could find his bones – in his risen glory he has ascended to the highest heaven and taken up our human nature with him. Thus, we are able with St Mary Magdalene and the apostles to look inside the empty tomb and say, 'He is risen.'

Traditionally, this day was celebrated on Ascension Thursday, forty days after Easter. However, in recent years it has been transferred to the nearest Sunday in order to allow more of the faithful to participate in the great festival. Next Sunday, fifty days after Easter, we will celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost when God the Holy Spirit brought to birth the Church in the world of time and history. These days between Ascension and Pentecost are a special time of prayer to the Holy Spirit, that he may once more renew the face of the earth.

A 'solemnity' is the highest rank of festival in the Church's calendar. Thus, Ascension and Pentecost are numbered among the greatest of all the feasts. In many Catholic countries there will be public celebrations. Perhaps in our families and homes we can make room in our busy lives to celebrate these important days in a joyful and festive way, so that our faith in the Risen One touches all the areas of our life.

Many thanks to all who have been involved in or have supported the Bollywood event this weekend. I know that a lot of work has gone into it. By the time you read this on Sunday it will have already happened – I anticipate it will be a great success and look forward to the food, film and fellowship!

God bless you all in these great days. Fr David.

World Communications Day is always observed on the Sunday of the Lord's Ascension, and there will be an additional collection after all the Masses for the Catholic Communications Service, promoting Catholic values through the media. Thank you for your support.

The Carmelite Prayer Group: The next session is **Mon 18 May at 7.30pm**

Baptism and Marriage – by arrangement. Please see Fr David.

First Holy Communion: The next meeting for parents & children is this **Sunday 17 May** in the sacristy at **11.15am**. *Please note there is also a session for parents only this **Monday 18 May** at **8pm** in the parish room. This session will be led by Mary Crowley from the Agency for Evangelisation in the diocese, who is coming especially to talk to the group about helping your child to understand the Mass. It promises to be a very informative session and therefore it is really important that all parents try to attend.

The Hurtado Centre in Chandler Street, Wapping will be running a session on Migration on **Thursday 28 May from 5.30pm - 8.30pm** entitled 'Understanding London's Changing Places and Faces. A light buffet and drinks will be served and there will be a chance to meet with local leaders, Community Partners and Representatives from both JRS and the Manna Centre and join in informed discussions. For more information or to confirm a place please email welcme@hurtadocentre.org

New Plaque: At the back of church, near the pieta, you will see that we have a new plaque. This is to complement and complete the other plaque which lists the former Parish Priests who have served in Wapping. Thus we are able to officially record the ministries of Canon Digby Samuels and Fr William Nicol – it was also really nice to welcome them both to the Induction Mass last week. Our thanks go to Fr Vlad for organising this. I will go to bless the plaque at the end of Mass on Sunday morning. Fr David.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AT ST PATRICK'S
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.
PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE PARISH TEAM IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS.
WHEELCHAIR ACCESS AT THE SIDE OF CHURCH

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