

Pensioners' Christmas Party – Thursday 17 December 2015, 12.15pm start. Entrance will be via the playground through the green bank gate.

Refugee Volunteer Evening – We recently held an appeal in response to the Refugee Crisis. Caritas Westminster would like to invite all interested parties and parishioners to a meeting on Tuesday 26 January 6pm-8.30pm, at the Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston NW1 1TA. The evening will give you the chance to talk to organisations and projects working with migrants and refugees in London and Hertfordshire, to find out about volunteering opportunities, and to get information about the work of Caritas. There will be refreshments, stalls, and panel discussion. To register please email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

Cafod Kitchen Garden - There will be a sale of selected winter vegetables and our own St Patrick's honey after the Sunday Morning Mass on 20th December. Also, we need to replace several scaffold boards in the raised beds. Does anyone have any contacts that might be able to supply boards for free or at a competitive price. If so please contact the garden team.

Parish Office – Please note that the Parish Office is *closed on Wednesdays*. *in addition the parish office will close for Christmas and New Year on Monday 21 December and reopen on Monday 4 January 2016.

200 Club November draw - (1st Prize - number 5) (2nd prize - number 15) (3rd prize – number - 61) (4th prize number - 17) all winners have been notified.

Under 7s Football – Football training has now finished. It will resume again mid/late January. Any enquiries please see Jamie Monehen or Dave Matthews.

Bingo for over 50s - in the Old School Hall. Tuesday 20 December 12.30pm. Please note earlier starting time: doors open at 12 noon.

Safeguarding

Parish Safeguarding Representative is Arianna Sommariva: 07812 965116
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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Jubilee Year of Mercy - Sunday 13 December 2015

Parish Mass
Book p.88 (new book)

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 12 Dec	6.30pm	Giuseppina & Attilio (Ints)
Sun 13 Dec	10.00am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Artists Community
Mon 14 Dec	9.00am	Priest's Intention
Tue 15 Dec	9.00am	Priest's Intention
Wed 16 Dec	9.00am	Kit & Ted Fletcher (RIP)
Thur 17 Dec	9.00am	Therese & Hannah (Ints)
Fri 18 Dec	9.00am	Priest's Intentions
Sat 19 Dec	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 20 Dec	10.00am	Paris Family (Ints)
	4.00pm	Parish Carol Service (with refreshments)
	6.30pm	Dora Israel (RIP)

Holy Hour (Adoration): Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 6.00pm (please see Fr David)

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.



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, Sabrina Pillai, Maggie James, Dan McAlinden, Kevin Ashby, Peggy Duggan, Mary Wallace, Kathleen Kitto, Maureen & Dennis Franey, Alice Thorne and Mary Brown.

Weekly Offertory (Loose Plate & Envelopes): £570 Standing Orders (weekly): £702

FR DAVID WRITES:

As we begin the third week of Advent, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. 'Gaudete' is the first Latin word of the Introit of today's Mass – it means 'rejoice'. Today we light the rose coloured candle on the Advent wreath, the priest wears rose vestments. Rose is a brighter shade of purple, and it signifies the brightness of our hope amid the darkness. As mentioned last weekend, today we start the **food bank collection** – I do hope we can be generous.

There are many festive activities taking place in the parish this week. Today we begin the performances of our **pantomime**. This is a wonderful fund-raising activity and I thank all those who have generously given their time either to perform or to put together the panto and all its associated activities. On Thursday we have our **Pensioners' Christmas Party**. Again, we are grateful to all volunteers who make this special event such a good experience for our older parishioners and friends from Wapping. Finally, on Sunday we will have our **Parish Advent Carol Service** at 4pm in the church. This will be followed by minced pies and mulled wine at the back of church. Please do make a special effort to come this event as we begin to celebrate the festivities of Our Lord's holy birth.

On Friday night at Euston, we celebrated the **Youth Mass** for the start of the Holy Year. Thank you to the young people who represented St Patrick's – it was a wonderful way to begin this special time of grace and mercy.

This weekend you can take the **Christmas card with times of Masses** and services during the Christmas and New Year season. Please note that the night-time Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 10.30pm, and not at midnight. I hope this will encourage more parishioners to come out for this very special Mass in the heart of the Holy Night.

May God bless you all this week – especially if you are involved in Christmas activities and events at school, college or work.

Fr David.

On Tuesday Pope Francis opened the Holy Year (Jubilee of Mercy) in Rome. Today (Sunday) Cardinal Nichols will open the Door of Mercy at Westminster Cathedral at 3.30pm – all are welcome to attend. The experience of pilgrimage is central to a Holy Year. Next year, we will be invited to travel as a parish, together with our whole diocese, for a day's pilgrimage to Walsingham in Norfolk. There is also a possibility of a parish pilgrimage further afield – more details to come after Christmas.

Hail, holy Queen - Mother of Mercy - During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has asked that we deepen our devotion to Mary as our 'Mother of Mercy – *Mater misericordiae*'. These words are from the prayer *Salve Regina*, the English version being the *Hail, holy Queen*. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has ordered that this prayer replace the 'Hail Mary' at Mass for the duration of the Holy Year. The text of the prayer will be printed in the newsletter each week from this week.

All: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Priest: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Panto – Tickets are still available for Jack and the Beanstalk. Performances are this Sun 13 December, 12.30 and Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 December at 7.15pm. Please do come along and join in this wonderful event for the parish, which not only provides great entertainment for all the family but also raises money for the parish.

The Wapping Posada - This Sunday will see the start of the very popular pre-Christmas devotion in Latin America 'The Posada'. This relives Mary and Joseph's difficult journey to Bethlehem, when they were rejected by innkeepers. Each evening from this week through to 24th December families have signed up to welcome the expectant Mary, Joseph and the donkey into their homes for one night before taking them to the next house on the list, this will continue until the last family on the list who will bring them back to church for the Christmas Eve Mass.

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