

# St. Patrick's, Soho

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## HOLY MASSES FOR THE WEEK +5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SUNDAY 10.2.19</b> <i>+5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11am 5pm 6pm	Parishioners Jose Maria Gomez Contreras and Adolfo Garcia Izquierdo - RIP Spanish
<b>MONDAY 11.2.19</b> <i>feria</i>	12.45pm	Holy Souls
<b>TUESDAY 12.2.19</b> <i>feria</i>	12.45pm	Evangelisation
<b>WEDNESDAY 13.2.19</b> <i>feria</i>	12.45pm	Michael Cooke – Sp. Int.
<b>THURSDAY 14.2.19</b> <i>Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe</i>	12.45pm	Friends and Benefactors
<b>FRIDAY 15.2.19</b> <i>feria</i>	12.45pm	Thomas Joyce – Sp. Int.
<b>SATURDAY 16.2.19</b> <i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>	4pm 6pm	Portuguese Felicia - RIP

## PRAYER GROUPS

**CENACOLO** – The Group prays for those who are most afflicted by addiction and seeks to bring them to the healing love of the Lord. All welcome. **Every Monday in the Church – 7pm-8.30pm**  
**LEGION OF MARY** – Every Wednesday:  
7pm-8.15pm.  
**DAILY PRAYER** – Tuesday to Friday – Morning Prayer:  
7.45pm.

**CONFESSION** – Monday to Friday – 12.15-12.40pm;  
Saturday – 5.30pm-6pm  
**SOS PRAYER LINE** – “Because nothing is impossible to God” –  
Request for prayer answered personally by telephone –  
020 7434 9211 – 7 days a week, 7pm-11pm  
**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Monday: 1.30pm to  
6pm; Tuesday to Friday: 7am to 8; 1.30pm-6; Saturday: 7pm-9pm. Perpetual  
Adoration is a work in progress. See noticeboard for other times.  
**DAILY ROSARY** – Monday to Friday – 12noon

## ST PATRICK'S IN THE HEART OF SOHO

Saturday's Nightfever is the first one to be held since our launch of Perpetual Adoration two weeks ago. The gradual increase in the amount of Adoration at St Patrick's is affecting the atmosphere in the church. It is somehow a more prayerful and intensely spiritual space. We still have significant gaps in our weekly schedule, particularly on weekday mornings and at the weekends, where it is proving hard to find a chain of adorers throughout the day. Please do come and speak to Lucy if you have any thoughts about this. It would be great, for example, if a group of people could get together and take responsibility for a sequence of hours. Open House Film Club was a roaring success last Sunday, thronging with guests. Look out for our Monday evening Lenten Film Club, which will start up in a month's time. There will also be a series of Wednesday evening Lenten talks, given by Fr Louis Xavier Ardillier of the Community of St John.

## MUSIC AT THE 11AM MASS

**Entrance Hymn:** All My Hope on God is Founded (200)  
**Kyrie & Gloria:** Missa Brevis in F (Andrea Gabrieli 1532-1585)  
**Psalm:** Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.  
**Offertory Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy (96 vs 1 & 4)  
**Offertory Motet:** Salve Regina (F. Schubert 1797-1828)

**Trans:** *Hail, queen of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope, hail! To you we cry, exiled children of Eve, to you we sigh, groaning and weeping, in this vale of tears. Therefore as our advocate turn your merciful eyes towards us and after this exile show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb. O clement, O loving, O sweet Mary, for ever virgin.*

**Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei:** Missa Brevis in F (Andrea Gabrieli 1532-1585)

**Communion Motet:** Ave Verum Corpus (F. Liszt 1811-66)

**Trans:** *Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet Jesus, O gentle Jesus, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy upon us. Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn:** Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (258)

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## REFLECTION

LUKE 5: 1-11

Funerals. Few of us relish them, most of us dread their occurrence. They are an obligatory ritual of life and as we age the realisation dawns that we have more dead friends than living. Funerals take on a life because they allow us opportunity to look back, to reflect, to reminisce with love and affection - and even laugh - and we begin to make sense of it all. The prism of hindsight - what a wonderful gift!

When the Gospels were committed from oral tradition to the written word, the early believers relied on this process or reminiscing. They had listened to the apostles talking and preaching about the wondrous events that surrounded the teaching of Jesus. He had a message - and he always supported that message with the things he did. He was asking his disciples to take a big step - to leave the security of their established way of life, and to follow him. They needed to see a sign to help reassure them in their uncertainty and when they looked back they were able to link today's miracle of the miraculous catch of fish with the realisation that God always provides.

Jesus promises them, in the person of Simon, that he wanted them to view themselves as fishers of men, rather than fishermen - to take the leap of faith he was demanding but knowing that the power of God will accompany them throughout their journey. The miracle made sense when they looked back and saw it through the prism of hindsight, when they allowed themselves the space to reminisce and reflect and, more importantly, to understand. They could understand because they were able to view things differently. Often in life, things make much more sense when we look back. One of the truths I have learned in my ongoing battle with alcohol, is that nothing happens to happen. Everything happens for a reason because there is a force, a power, a benevolent being who holds me and everything else in the cup of his hand. He binds everything together. Often events happen which I fight against, a scream against and try to push away. Years later I look back - and I understand. For, nothing happens to happen.

Funerals are an important part of life but the discipline of looking back, of reflecting of growing in knowledge and understanding is essential if we are to fully comprehend the depth of God's love for us. He may not work to our timetable - but he always works for our benefit, for nothing happens to happen.

**OPEN HOUSE CONTINUES ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AND THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

## NOTICES

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – we have just launched Perpetual Adoration at St Patrick's. If you would like to commit to one hour a week, speak to Lucy McGuinness or email [adoration@stpatricksoho.org](mailto:adoration@stpatricksoho.org)

**BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE** - next session is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February in the parish centre downstairs. Registration is now closed.

**THE GOSPEL SOURCES OF CATHOLIC TEACHINGS** – next session will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, looking at the Acts of the Apostles.

**FOLLOW AMBROSE ON TWITTER** - Father Alexander's dog, Ambrose, now has a presence on Twitter at The Dog Ambrose@AmbroseSherbro1.

**PARISH HANDBOOK** – a beautiful book of St Patrick's 230-year history is on sale from the Parish House or the Sacristy - £10.00.

**CHURCH CLEANING** – is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm – all are welcome.

**DR GABRIELE FINALDI** - Dr Gabriele Finaldi will be doing a talk on art and faith on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH – tickets are £5.00 – for bookings: [www.catholiccreators.org](http://www.catholiccreators.org) or [info@catholiccreators.org](mailto:info@catholiccreators.org).

**CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE – WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL – SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 3PM** – the Cardinal will be inviting this Mass to all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**SERMON AND REFLECTION** – some readers have noticed that the Reflection does not appear to be written by me given the fact that the writer spends a lot of time in Northumberland! This is true but it's written by someone else with considerable spiritual insights. Bernard is more than happy to receive any thoughts, reflections and comments. Please contact the office at [info@stpatricksoho.org](mailto:info@stpatricksoho.org). Every week I send out my Sermon which is from Sunday onto a fairly extensive list. If you would like to be part of that, please let the office know ([info@stpatricksoho.org](mailto:info@stpatricksoho.org)).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – from 6<sup>th</sup> March until 14<sup>th</sup> April you are invited to peacefully pray for all those affected by abortion. For more info, please call Sarah 07776 256838 or go to [www.40daysforlife/london](http://www.40daysforlife/london).

**MASS CELEBRATED BY CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS FOR THE CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN** - on Thursday 28 February at 6pm at Farm Street Jesuit church, followed by a Reception in the Hall. If attending the Reception, please register on 020 8749 1321 or at [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk).