

# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Gaudete Sunday (Year C)

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

<b>SAT 11 Dec</b>	6.30pm		Martin & Ethel McHale RIP
<b>SUN 12</b>	10.00am 	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	Fr Casey Bailey OCSO (Ints)
	6.30pm		Fr Tim Furlow (Ints)
<b>MON 13</b>	10.00am 	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	Eileen Hart RIP
<b>TUE 14</b>	10.00am 	St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	Ewelina Turkedjiev (Ints)
<b>WED 15</b>	No Mass	Advent Feria	
<b>THU 16</b>	6.30pm 	Advent Feria	Kitty & Ted Fletcher RIP Anni.
<b>FRI 17</b>	6.30pm 	Advent Feria	Leon and Helen Paoletti RIP
<b>SAT 18</b>	10.00am 	Advent Feria	Ravindra Kumar RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
<b>SUN 19</b>	10.00am 	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Brian Keeley RIP
	6.30pm		Private Intention

Masses marked  are livestreamed on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/rcwapping](http://www.youtube.com/rcwapping)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** After every Mass, and by appointment.

**Church Open for Individual Prayer:** Daily 7.00am-8.30pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday-Friday 7.30-8.30pm

**Rosary:** Friday 7.00pm



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## FR ANDREW WRITES:

Following the statement by the Prime Minister on Wednesday, some further restrictions have been imposed, especially in the light of the Omicron variant.

**Anyone showing any symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home** (and get tested).

**Face coverings are now mandatory** in places of worship, apart from readers and singers, and for those with exemptions. I will remind parishioners of this at Mass. Please do not challenge anyone in church if they are not wearing a mask; some exemptions are not obvious, and no one should be pressured to explain themselves.

**Surface and touch transmission** – Public Health England have advised places of worship that there is now very strong evidence that the main mode of viral transmission is through aerosols. The risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. We are maintaining a good cleaning regime in the church; hand sanitiser is available and you are encouraged to use it; but this further substantiates that it is mask wearing that will make the greatest difference.

**NHS Covid passes** – This requirement does not apply to places of worship. There is no need to register for Mass.

**Ventilation** – It is important that we keep the church ventilated. Our church is not warm at the best of times. Please wrap up well when you come to Mass or choose a seat under one of the heaters!

**Vaccinations** – You are encouraged to get vaccinated without delay, and to have the booster jab when it is offered to you. It has been shown to make a big difference in reducing transmission of the virus.

**Sunday obligation** – The bishops have reiterated that, in this time of pandemic, there is still no absolute duty to attend Sunday Mass. You are asked to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in your own life and to consider your circumstances. Should you feel that grave cause honestly persists in your personal circumstances, there is no sin associated with your non-attendance at Mass, and you are encouraged to devote yourself to prayer at home. Mass is still being livestreamed daily.

I enjoyed my break in Rome last week, and took advantage of the many shrines and tombs of the saints to pray for you all there. I am grateful to all those who looked after things here while I was away, and to Fr Victor and Fr Mike for covering the Masses. If you are heading off yourselves for the holidays, I wish you safe travels and God's blessing for you and your families this Christmas. God bless, Fr Andrew.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)**

**6.30pm** Vigil Mass of Christmas (for families)

**10.00pm** Christmas Mass in the Holy Night

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)**

**10.00am** Christmas Mass (there will be no evening Mass)

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)**

**10.00am** Sunday Mass (there will be no evening Mass)

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank you** to Fr Victor Camilleri and Fr Mike Smith SJ for covering Masses while Fr Andrew was away.

**Confession** – Fr Andrew will be available on Friday during the Holy Hour, 7.30-8.30pm, in the sacristy, for anyone wanting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Sleeping Beauty** – **Thank you** to all those involved in the parish panto last weekend. It was a great success, thanks to the hard work and time given by Angie and the actors, and Jo and all the hospitality team. We raised £1414 in total, which will go towards the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund for our church building works.

**Pensioners' Party** – **Thank you** to the team who hosted the Pensioners' Party last Thursday for the elderly in our local community. Gifts were provided by State Street Bank, mince pies donated by Hussey's, and a grant from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets helped to defray the cost of the Christmas dinners.

**Christmas Vigil Mass (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm)** – Special call for our younger parishioners – why not dress up as your favourite character from the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, an angel, shepherd, king, even the donkey or any of the animals in the stable? Together we will process into Mass to welcome the Baby Jesus on his special birthday. All those wishing to take part, please arrive by 6.20pm.

**Bow Foodbank** – Each Advent, we make a special call for donations of food and toiletries for Bow Foodbank, helping individuals and families living in food poverty in our local area, especially with Christmas approaching. The Foodbank ask for non-perishable food items (cereals, dried lentils, vegetable cooking oil, 1kg rice, 1kg pasta, tinned vegetables, instant coffee, teabags, jam, UHT milk etc.) and some personal

toiletries and cleaning items (nappies, sanitary products, shampoo, soap, washing powder, etc.). You might pick up something extra each week when you do your grocery shopping. Please leave your donations in the boxes at the back of church. For a full list see “Foodbank Favourites”:

<https://www.bowfoodbank.org/give-food/>

**Christmas Raffle** – We will be selling tickets for the Christmas Raffle after Mass on both this weekend. Tickets are £2 per strip or 3 for £5. The prizes are: Sweet Hamper, Toy Hamper, Spirit Hamper, Wine Hamper, Food Hamper. Winners will be chosen this week and prizes allocated before Christmas.

**Christmas Offering** – If you are going to be away over Christmas, please consider making your Christmas offering before you go. The offerings at Christmas and Easter make up Fr Andrew’s salary for the year. You can use the general donations envelopes at the back of church and write “Christmas Offering”. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can also use those envelopes to Gift Aid your donation. The Gift Aid goes to the parish.

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** – Beginning Jan 2021. Children should be in year 3 at school and above, living (or regularly worshipping) in Wapping, and you must be practicing your faith. Deadline for registration is this Sunday:

<https://rcwapping.typeform.com/holycommunion>

**Youth Confirmation** – Young people should be in year 8 at school and above, living (or regularly worshipping) in Wapping, and you must be practicing your faith. Deadline for registration is this Sunday:

<https://rcwapping.typeform.com/confirmation>

## **REGULAR NOTICES**

**Please pray for the sick in the parish**, including: Beatrice Bourke, Kate McCarthy, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

**Church Cleaning, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am (Beryl’s Team)** – Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

**Faith and Life Group** – Meets to pray, connect and explore different topics and questions in the rhythm of everyday Christian life. Mainly for those in their 20s and 30s. More information about resuming sessions next weekend.

**Rosary Group** – Meets in church, Fridays 7.00pm; also daily Rosary at home via WhatsApp. Prayer for the intentions of the Church, parish and all parishioners.

**RCIA** – Next session Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at Pollyanna, Raine House.

**Bingo for the Over 50s** – Next bingo Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

## 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/](http://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](mailto:giftaid@rcdow.org.uk)

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