# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

13th November 2022

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| **SAT 12 Nov** | 6.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| **SUN 13** | 10.00am ▶ | + 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Scott Thomas Collinson (Ints) |
| | 6.30pm | | Lynda Frances Soltysiak RIP |
| **MON 14** | 10.00am ▶ | Feria | Maureen Davies RIP |
| **TUE 15** | 10.00am ▶ | **Funeral Mass of Maureen Davies RIP** | |
| **WED 16** | *No Mass* | St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop | |
| **THU 17** | 6.30pm ▶ | Feria | Private Intention |
| **FRI 18** | 6.30pm ▶ | Feria | Roland Paoletti RIP Anni. |
| **SAT 19** | 10.00am ▶ | Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday | Vera Bardi RIP (B'day) |
| **SUN 20** | 6.30pm | **+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe** | Deceased of Commons & Keeley Families |
| | 10.00am ▶ | | Deceased Members of McCartney Family |
| | 6.30pm | | People of the Parish |

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

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

**Church Open for Individual Prayer:** Daily 7.00am-8.00pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesday-Friday 7.00-8.00pm

**Rosary:** Friday 7.00pm

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Andrew Connick
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*(Day Off: Wednesday)*

**Safeguarding:** Adele Schirinzi
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**PARISH OFFICE: Mon, Tue, Fri 10am-2pm**

**Parish Secretary:** Lucy Knights
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## FR ANDREW WRITES:

### Preparing for My Funeral

During November, we remember and pray for our deceased family and friends. Naturally, our thoughts might turn this month to our own deaths, too, and what salutary offerings will be made for us before God when that day comes. As a Catholic, you will want to ensure that your funeral service reflects the faith of the Church and your hope for eternal life in Christ Jesus.

I am minded of this particularly now with the proliferation of adverts on daytime TV for no-frills cremations. Those adverts employ ignoble emotional manipulation: suggesting that an elderly person should choose not to have a funeral service to avoid being a financial burden for their grieving family. Saving money is no bad thing, especially now, and I am glad to hear that the Office of Fair Trading has an investigation into the increase in funeral fees. Even so, it seems to me inhuman that a person dies, and their body is simply taken away for quick disposal. Certainly, as Christians we know the importance of giving thanks to God for the life of someone we love, and asking his mercy for them in the funeral Mass. Their burial (or cremation) is one of the corporal works of mercy. All human life is precious, and we honour and treasure the elderly. No one should be made to feel that they are a burden.

With that in mind, it can be a real help to your next-of-kin when you give thought to your funeral arrangements ahead of time. None of us knows the time the Lord has allotted to us, but obviously this has more relevance for some than others! Detailed funeral arrangements can be difficult for some nexts-of-kin, maybe because of grief or not sharing our Faith or simply because the practice of Faith ceased long ago.

This is not for everyone! If interested, please take a form to help you to consider your funeral arrangements. You may keep a copy with your files and, if you wish, leave a copy to be held securely here in the parish. It will then give some help to your next-of-kin in the making of arrangements and, in some cases, ensure you do have a proper Catholic funeral. There are copies at the back of church, or you can download the form online: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/liturgy/funeralprep

It is healthy to recognise that our lives on earth are finite, but we should guard against preoccupation with death. Leaving some instructions for the end of our lives should help us to live more securely in the present moment, free from any concern. Please do get in touch if you would like to speak to me about anything raised here.

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

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION**

**November: Children Who Suffer.** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Volunteers for Church Cleaning** – We are in desperate need of volunteers to bolster the numbers in our church cleaning teams. There are three teams at present, so the commitment is an hour once every three weeks on a Saturday morning. The teams meet at 8.30am, 10.30am and 11.00am, so there is some flexibility. With sufficient numbers, we will add a fourth team at a time to be agreed. Cleaning involves light duties: hoovering and sweeping mainly. It is also a good chance to socialise with other parishioners. The teams usually end with tea and coffee for those who wish.

Please consider whether you might help with this. The Lord's house is here for us all, and our care of it is a practical expression of our love for God and the care we have for our faith. Many in our parish are busy juggling multiple commitments and really cannot manage an hour once a month. Some of you are fortunate enough to engage a cleaner at home. If you can't spare the time, maybe you could donate an hour of your cleaner's time?

**Our CAFOD Kitchen Garden** needs scaffolding planks to renew some of the plant beds. They are very expensive to buy. If you know anyone who has access to some, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Andrew.

**Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund** – Thank you for your generosity. We raised £662 for the fund. You can still return Gift Aid envelopes and make card donations if you wish.

**Pensioners' Christmas Party**, Thursday 8th December, 12.30pm, Parish Centre - We are pleased that State Street Bank will once again be involved with providing help on the day. St Patrick's will provide the Christmas lunch and entertainment. To reserve your place, please contact Jo in the Parish Office.

**Christmas cards and gifts on sale** after Sunday Masses, supporting the Catholic Children's Society. You can make payments in the "repository" box at the back of church, or using the card machines.

**Funeral of the late Maureen Davies (née Pope) RIP**, Tuesday 15th November, 10am. Please pray for the happy repose of her soul and for the Lord's comfort for her family.

**English Martyrs Primary School Tours** – Every Friday, 4th November - 13th January 2023, 9.30-11.00am, for admissions in September 2023, for children who will be aged 3 or 4 years old by 31st August 2023. No appointment necessary. Unfortunately, there are too many applicants for the school to offer individual appointments.

St Mark Street E1 8DJ | 020 7709 0182 | enquiries@englishmartyrs.towerhamlets.sch.uk

## REGULAR NOTICES

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

**And for the recently departed,** including: Maureen Davies.

**Bingo for the Over 50s** – Next bingo Tuesday 15th November, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

**Church Cleaning** – Saturday 19th November, 11.00am (Caroline's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

**Epic: A Journey Through Church History –** Next session: Thursday 17th November, session 11, Weak Leaders and Schism I.

**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 coming soon.

**Men's Group** – Friday evenings, 7pm. Service to the parish and community, a place of welcome and mutual support. For more information, please contact Marc-Henri: 07728 248806.

**Rosary Group** – Meets in church, Fridays 7pm; also daily Rosary at home via WhatsApp. Prayer for the intentions of the Church, parish and all parishioners.

## 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/

**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




## REGULAR NOTICES

**Foodbank** – At the back of church is a box for donations to Bow Foodbank. Foodbanks provide boxes of food to people who would otherwise go hungry for a range of reasons, from benefit delays to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. We collect donations for Bow Foodbank (non-perishable items only): cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned food, lentils, beans, tea/coffee, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice, toiletries and hygiene products. Why not pick up something extra each week in your shopping and leave it in the box at the back of church when you come to Mass? Thank you!

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

**Getting Married?** – Six months' notice is required for marriage. If you live in Wapping but are planning to marry elsewhere, even in your home country, you need to see Fr Andrew at least six months beforehand. This is very important!

**Men's Group** – We are starting a new Men's Group in the parish, meeting on Friday evenings, 7pm, to be of service to the parish and community, a place of welcome, and for friendship and mutual support in living the Christian faith as a man. For more information, please contact Marc-Henri: 07728 248806 or email the Parish Office.

**Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline** – Catholic Listeners is a new confidential listening helpline, set up for those who are returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk:

0800 448 0704

**Financial Resilience and Cost of Living –** Some resources to support those struggling with the increased cost of living:

- **Cost of Living Hub** (Mayor of London): https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub
- **Energy debts:** https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/
- **National Energy Action:** Warm and Safe Homes helpline 0800 304 7159
- **Green Doctors London:** Energy advice https://london.greendoctors.org.uk

**Interested in Working for the Church?** – The Diocese of Westminster advertises job vacancies for parishes and central services online: rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/

**St Joseph's Hospice** is the only Catholic hospice in Greater London, available to this parish and everyone across East and North London regardless of background. It serves our community through in-patient care of the terminally ill, Day Hospice for out-patient care and home visits. It is an independent charity run by the Religious Sisters of Charity. For more information: 020 8525 6035 www.stjh.org.uk

**Interested in Catholic Faith** – If you not a Catholic but interested in finding out more about Catholic faith, please get in touch with Fr Andrew directly.

**Caritas Kingsland Saturday Club**, for people with learning difficulties and additional needs, and their families. Third Sunday of each month at the church hall of Our Lady and St Joseph, 100a Balls Pond Road, London N1 4AG. For more information contact Gerald McEnery 07989 895257.

**Calix Society for Recovering Alcoholics** – The Calix Society offers a Catholic ministry to alcoholics in recovery by deepening or rediscovering their faith and sharing the healing mercy of God. Meetings are held every Thursday at the Calix Centre, Church of Our Lady, 54 Lodge Road, NW8 8LA. For details:

www.calixsociety.org.uk | 07762 570361 | calixsjw@btinternet.com

**The St Katharine and Wapping Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel** has a website: www.skw-wardpanel.org. It contains information and links for reporting anti-social behaviour to Tower Hamlets and the Police, information about Streetlink for reporting rough sleepers, and local news and upcoming events. We also recommend that Wapping residents register for OWL ('Online Watch Link'), to stay updated with local security advice and information and incident reports: www.owl.co.uk. As a local community, it is good for us to be connected together and to look out for each other.