St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year C)

20th November 2022

SAT 19 Nov	6.30pm		Deceased of Commons & Keeley Families
SUN 20	10.00am	**+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe**	Deceased Members of McCartney Family
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 21	*No Mass*	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
TUE 22	10.00am	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Bill Delay RIP
WED 23	*No Mass*	Feria, Thirty-Fourth Week of Year II	
THU 24	6.30pm	St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	Eileen Hart RIP Anni.
FRI 25	6.30pm	Feria	Private Intention
SAT 26	~~*10.00am*~~	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 27	10.00am	+ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)	Matylda Szarawarska (Ints)
	6.30pm		Holy Souls

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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www.facebook.com /rcwapping

www.twitter.com @rcwapping

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

I leave on Monday for the pilgrimage to the Holy Land with our group from the parish. There is a strong tradition of pilgrimage in Christian faith, not only to the places associated with the life of the Lord Jesus but also to sites associated with saints and miracles. Going on pilgrimage is not just about seeing a place or learning about it. It is a spiritual journey as much as a physical journey, stepping outside of the usual experience of our lives to encounter God in those places in which he has revealed himself.

The first Christian pilgrimages were made to the Holy Land; we have writings about them from Origen in the mid-3rd century and others. After the legalisation of Christianity in the Roman Empire in 313AD, the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, established the firm tradition of pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Pilgrimages are often undertaken with particular spiritual intentions in mind. The intention might be a special grace from God, or some favour, like healing, or as a thanksgiving for blessings already received. It may be for oneself or on behalf of others.

I would be very happy to adopt as my own any particular intentions you might have. I shall take them to prayer while away, and ask the Lord to direct the graces of our pilgrimage to those ends. Please send me an email with your intentions, or drop them in my letterbox before 7am Monday morning. You don't have to state exactly the intention: if private, it is enough to say "the private intentions of X".

We will be praying for the parish while away, and I will ask the Lord for the graces that our parish needs to grow and flourish.

My sincere thanks to Fr Victor and Fr Ray for covering Masses while I am away. Note that there are two Masses cancelled this week: Monday 10am and Saturday 10am.

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

This week: No Monday 10am Mass, no Saturday 10am Mass. Everything else as usual.

First Holy Communion Thanksgiving – This Sunday, 10am, we give thanks to God for the gift of his Holy Eucharist given to children in our parish for the first time in this last year. The First Holy Communions took place over several months, and it is good to gather the children together for Mass and for a celebration in the hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

Reverse Advent Calendar – Next Sunday the season of Advent begins. We usually ask at this time for some additional support for the Bow Foodbank. This year, with the increasing cost of living, the number of families struggling with food poverty is growing. For those with some surplus, there are "reverse Advent calendars" available at the back of church. These have a suggestion for something you buy or put aside for each day in December for someone in poverty. It might even encourage some of your children to help with your weekly grocery shop! You can leave your donations in the back chapel at church and we will deliver them to Bow Foodbank in time for Christmas.

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday-Friday 7-8pm – A reminder that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for private adoration on weekday evenings. Please consider stopping by to spend a few minutes in the company of the Lord.

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.

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.

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.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 29th November, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 26th November, 8.30am (Michelle's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Epic: A Journey Through Church History – Next session: Thursday 1st December, session 12, Weak Leaders and Schism II.

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.