St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Gaudete Sunday (Year A)

11th December 2022

SAT 10 Dec	6.30pm	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	Lapo Edovard Elkann (Ints)
SUN 11	10.00am ▶		Benjamin Aaron Shapiro (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 12	10.00am	Advent Feria	Ravi & Chriss Kumar RIP
TUE 13	10.00am	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	Baldi Family RIP
WED 14	*No Mass*	St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church	
THU 15	6.30pm	Advent Feria	Kumar & Aspell Families (Ints)
FRI 16	6.30pm	Advent Feria	Kitty & Ted Fletcher RIP
SAT 17	10.00am ▶	Advent Feria	Paris Family (Ints)
SUN 18	6.30pm	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	Kath & Tom Leek RIP
	10.00am ▶		People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Private Intention

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

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Gaudete Sunday

This third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday". Gaudete is Latin for "rejoice", the first word of the entrance antiphon for this Sunday's Mass. You will notice the rose pink vestments and veils, meant to symbolise the white light of Christmas brightening the usual Advent purple, as we are now half-way to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis called the Universal Church to a process of prayerful listening to the Holy Spirit, in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023-2024. The subject for the forthcoming synod is "synodality" itself: how the Church listens and journeys together. Last year, each diocese held various consultations, mostly in parishes, and synthesised these into a diocesan report. These diocesan reports were synthesised into a national report, and now a continental working document has been produced.

Our diocese has produced a summary of this continental working document:
https://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/synod/working%20document%20summary.pdf

The full continental working document is available here:
https://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/synod/working%20document%20for%20the%20continental%20phase%202022.pdf

The next stage is for dioceses to respond to this working document. Pope Francis has made clear that this process is not about doctrinal change, but openness to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, as experienced in prayer by all the faithful, not just the bishops. There will be more to come on this subject.

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

PARISH NOTICES

No livestream Monday-Friday this week, with apologies. Masses will be celebrated as usual, but Fr Andrew is away in Rome for his other work as Vocations Director. Our thanks to Fr Victor for supplying at weekday Mass in the coming week.

Advent Confessions – There will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December, 7-8pm, during the Holy Hour, in the sacristy. You can also ask Fr Andrew after Mass on any day.

Thank you to Jo and volunteers who worked hard to make the Pensioners' Christmas Party an enjoyable occasion. There was a full hall, plenty of food, warmth and dancing. We are grateful too to the volunteers from State Street Bank who helped on the day.

Jesuit Refugee Service Needs List – JRS, based here in Wapping, supports refugees and forced migrants. They have an up-to-date needs list on their website. You might have unused at home some of these items, including towels, blankets, face masks, men's trainers, smart phones, USB plug adapters, rucksacks and suitcases. Please do not leave any donations for JRS at church. They are just the other side of the park, 2 Chandler Street E1W 2QT.

https://www.jrsuk.net/current-needs/

Bow Foodbank – In Advent we usually ask for some additional support for the Bow Foodbank. Donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries can be left in the Back Chapel. See the poster in the Back Chapel for more information. Thank you for the donations received already, helping the increasing number of individuals and families in our local area struggling with food poverty.

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

Bow Foodbank AVIVA Match Funding – The foodbank also accepts cash donations. They use this to buy food and toiletries in bulk, especially those items they are short. AVIVA have offered Bow Foodbank match funding, up to £250 per person, to a total of £50,000. For some of you, it may be easier to donate money than items and, while this offer lasts, whatever you donate will be doubled by AVIVA and, if you are a UK taxpayer, you can add Gift Aid for an additional 25% too:

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/future-food

Christmas Vigil Mass (Saturday 24th 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.

Christmas Raffle – Tickets for our Christmas Raffle are on sale after Mass this weekend. Tickets are £2 per strip. We have a whole selection of Christmas hampers as prizes, with many thanks to Phyllis.

English Martyrs Primary School Foundation Governor Vacancy – English Martyrs have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Archbishop and form the majority of the governing body of a Catholic school. They do not need to be parents but must be practicing Catholics, and are responsible for developing the Catholic character of the school. Please speak to Fr Andrew or contact the school directly. More information about the role:
https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/foundation-governors/

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.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – Beginning January 2023. 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 22nd December:
https://rcwapping.typeform.com/holycommunion

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

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 13th December, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 17th December, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Epic: A Journey Through Church History – Next session: Thursday 12th January, session 14, Protestors and Defenders 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

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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.