St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

18th December 2022

SAT 17 Dec	6.30pm		Kath & Tom Leek RIP
SUN 18	10.00am ▶	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Private Intention
MON 19	10.00am	Advent Feria	McHale & Paoletti Families RIP
TUE 20	10.00am	Advent Feria	Milo Hanrahan (Ints)
WED 21	*No Mass*	Advent Feria	
THU 22	6.30pm	Advent Feria	Molly Clark RIP
FRI 23	6.30pm	Advent Feria	Dora Israel RIP
SAT 24	10.00am ▶	Advent Feria	Gregory John Gutfeld (Ints)
	6.30pm ▶		Mary Christina Kumar RIP B'day
	10.00pm	**+ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**	Aida Brassett RIP Anni.
SUN 25	10.00am ▶		People of the Parish
	~~6.30pm~~	*No evening Mass*	

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

www.youtube.com /rcwapping

www.facebook.com /rcwapping

www.twitter.com @rcwapping

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
andrewconnick@rcdow.org.uk
(Day Off: Wednesday)

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

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

Events Coordinator: Joann Condon
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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.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (for families)

10.00pm Christmas Mass in the Holy Night

Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day)

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

Saturday 31st December (New Year's Eve)

6.30pm Vigil Mass

7.30pm Holy Hour for the New Year

Sunday 1st January (New Year's Day)

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

PARISH NOTICES

Going Away for Christmas – To the many parishioners going away for the Christmas holidays, I wish you a happy and holy celebration of the Lord's birth, safe journeys and peace in your families. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Fr Andrew.

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.

Bring your baby Jesus to Christmas Eve Mass! – If you have a nativity scene or crib at home, the tradition is only to place the baby Jesus on Christmas Eve (usually after you have been to Christmas Mass). If you are attending Mass on Christmas Eve (6.30pm or 10pm), you are invited to bring baby Jesus from your crib to Mass and Fr Andrew will bless them.

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 Offering – If you are going to be away over Christmas, you can use the envelopes at the back of church to make your Christmas offering before you go, or use the card machines. The offerings at Christmas and Easter make up Fr Andrew's salary for the year. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can also use those envelopes to Gift Aid your donation. The Gift Aid goes to the parish.

Gift Aid – Many thanks to all those who Gift Aid your donations to the parish. It makes a huge difference. This year we received £29,868.50, covering donations made over the last two years. If you are a UK taxpayer, and you Gift Aid your donations, then the parish receives an extra 25% from the Government at no cost to you. If you do not currently Gift Aid your donations, please contact the Parish Office: wapping@rcdow.org.uk. Sincere thanks to Tanya and Lucy for administering Gift Aid for the parish.

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 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.

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.

Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trust – Our Diocese of Westminster, with our 206 parishes, is incorporated civilly as a registered charity. The annual report and accounts for 2021 have now been published: http://rcdow.org.uk/about-us

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 – Bingo will return in the New Year.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 24th December, 10.00am (Beryl'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.