St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

25th December 2022

SAT 24 Dec	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*	
MON 26	**11.00am**	ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr	Christopher Black RIP
TUE 27	**11.00am**	ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist	Sir James McCartney (Ints)
WED 28	*No Mass*	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs	
THU 29	6.30pm	ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop & Martyr	Paul Balthazar Getty (Ints)
FRI 30	6.30pm	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	Joan Bourke RIP
SAT 31	10.00am	7th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	Artist Community (Ints)
	6.30pm	**+ SOLEMNITY OF MARY,**	Mgr Gerard O'Connor (Ints)
SUN 1 Jan	10.00am	**THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**	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: Resumes in the New Year

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm

www.youtube.com /rcwapping | www.facebook.com /rcwapping | www.twitter.com @rcwapping

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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PARISH OFFICE: Opens Tuesday 3rd January

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Thank you for all the donations to Bow Foodbank, supporting families and individuals in our local area who struggle with food poverty. If you can afford to do so, please keep those donations coming. There is always a lull in donations immediately after Christmas, but the needs continue!

Our celebration of the Christmas Masses relies on a huge number of volunteers: cleaning, flowers, brasses, music, singing, stewarding, reading, serving, rotas and more. We are so fortunate to have such generosity and I am very grateful to all those who helped out. The church is looking beautiful and I am looking forward to our celebrations of the Nativity.

Finally, a personal thank you for all the cards, gifts and offerings I have received, and for all the support and friendship you give to me throughout the year. It is a privilege to be with you here in Wapping. I thank God for each of you.

For those who find Christmas difficult, for any reason, including those for whom Christmas is a reminder of loved ones lost, I wish you all the consolation of knowing that the Lord Jesus enters into the darkness of this world so that you are not alone. I have been praying for you particularly in these days.

If you are away, I wish you a refreshing break, blessings to your families, and a safe journey home again at the end of the Christmas holiday.

God bless you all, and a happy and holy Christmas, Fr Andrew.

NEW YEAR MASSES

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)

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

Bank Holiday Monday and Tuesday – Mass at 11am.

New Year's Day – No evening Mass next Sunday, New Year's Day.

No evening Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week. Exposition will resume in the new year.

Holy Hour for the New Year – Following on from Mass next Saturday evening (New Year's Eve), there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament seeking God's intercession for the New Year.

Seminarian on Placement – In January, we will welcome Ashley Wells, a seminarian for the diocese, for a month-long pastoral placement. Please make him welcome and pray for him, and for vocations to the priesthood.

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 AVIVA Match Funding – Bow Foodbank accepts cash donations as well as groceries. 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 – The winning numbers were drawn during the week and winners have been contacted and invited to collect their hampers. Many thanks to Phyllis for organising the raffle.

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 2nd January:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/holycommunion

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

Certificates of Catholic Practice for primary school and nursery admissions in September 2022. Please complete this online form to request the Certificate of Catholic Practice (and other similar references) required for school admissions.
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/ccp/

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 7th January, 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 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



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.