St Patrick's Catholic Church

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1st January 2023

SAT 31 Dec	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*	
MON 2	**11.00am**	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	Christian Young (Ints)
TUE 3	10.00am	Christmas Feria	Harmony Korine (B'day Ints)
WED 4	*No Mass*	Christmas Feria	
THU 5	6.30pm	Requiem Mass for Benedict XVI	Paris Family (Ints)
FRI 6	**10.00am**		Leah (B'day Ints)
	6.30pm	**+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**	Ravi & Chriss Kumar, & Kathleen Aspell RIP
SAT 7	10.00am	Christmas Feria	Hannah (B'day) & Terese RIP
	6.30pm		Linda Elin Maria McAllister (Ints)
SUN 8	10.00am	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Constantine Bordokas (Ints)
	6.30pm		Emily Esperanza Spalding (Ints)

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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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Epiphany of the Lord

On Friday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, with Mass at 10.00am and 6.30pm. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Christ was born quietly; the first witnesses were simple shepherds. The Epiphany recalls the visit of the Magi, or Wise Men, representing the nations of the world recognising the birth of Christ and doing him homage.

This feast is associated with many traditions of popular piety around the world. One such is the blessing of homes through the intercession of the Wise Men, using blessed chalk. I shall bless chalk at the end of the Epiphany Masses for you to take home.

At home, use the chalk to make an inscription above your front door, to entrust your home to God's protection for the new year and ask his blessing for all who enter:

$$20 + C + M + B + 23$$

The number designates the year, while 'CMB' stands for the traditional names of the wise men – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and also the prayer '*Christus mansionem benedicat*' which means 'May Christ bless this home'. You might use this prayer:

℣. Peace be to this house. ℟. **And all who dwell here.**

The three Wise Kings, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, followed a star to find the Christ Child, who was born two thousand and twenty-three years ago.

(Write 20+C+M+B+23 above the door)

Visit, O blessed Lord, our home with the gladness of your presence.
Bless it and all who live or visit here with the gift of your love;
and grant that we may show your love to each other
and all whose lives we touch.
Lord Jesus Christ, be with us now and for ever. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

Death of His Holiness Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus

You will have seen the news that the Lord has called the Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, to his eternal reward. We honour him for his reign as the Church's Supreme Pastor, the 264th successor of St Peter, and mourn him as a father to the Church, and turn to God now in prayer for the happy repose of his soul.

Future generations are likely to recognise him as the greatest theologian of our age. The BBC coverage about him has been typically poor, but in fairness to them he is someone you must read to understand, and I doubt their reporters have read any of his works. His writings are more passionate than was his demeanour. In them he sought above all to hold before us the person of Jesus Christ and encouraged us to enter into the mystery of Jesus and into relationship with him.

He set a modern precedent when he renounced the Petrine Office in 2013, a precedent I think helpful for his successors. He retired to a life of solitude and prayer and has been faithful to it, despite the many calls since for him to engage publicly in some dispute or other. Last week Pope Francis praised Benedict's constant support for the Church in the silence of his prayers.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated by Pope Francis at St Peter's this Thursday, 9.30am (8.30am UK time). I already offered a requiem Mass on Saturday morning and will do so again on Thursday evening, 6.30pm.

O God, who in your wondrous providence
chose your servant Pope Benedict to preside over your Church,
grant, we pray,
that, having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth,
he may be welcomed by him into eternal glory.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy New Year! Continued blessings of the Christmas season to you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

January: For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

PARISH NOTICES

Bank Holiday Monday – Mass at 11am.

The Epiphany of the Lord, Friday 6th January, is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be Mass at 10.00am and 6.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on Tuesday 3rd January, and then each evening Tuesday-Friday, 7-8pm. Spend some time in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus.

Seminarian on Placement – This week, we welcome Ashley Wells, a seminarian for the diocese. He has a month-long pastoral placement at the Jesuit Refugee Service and here in the parish. Please pray for him and make him welcome.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – Registration for this year's programme is now closed. More information will be shared with parents shortly.

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.