St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

The Presbytery, Dundee Street
London E1W 2PH

Tel: (020) 7481 2202
Email: wapping@rcdow.org.uk
Web: parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A)

8th January 2023

SAT 7 Jan	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)
MON 9	10.00am ▶	Feria, First Week of Year I	Christian Young (Ints)
TUE 10	10.00am ▶	Feria	Baltimon McDonald RIP
WED 11	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 12	6.30pm ▶	Feria	Catherine Christina Veronica Jayaseelan RIP Anni.
FRI 13	6.30pm ▶	Feria	Mathangi Arulpragasam (Ints)
SAT 14	10.00am ▶	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Lawrence Family (Sickness)
SUN 15	10.00am ▶	+ 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ann Marie and Kathleen (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

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

Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Thursday 7.00pm

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
wappingsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

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

Events Coordinator: Joann Condon
joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Baptism of the Lord

Today's feast marks the end of the season of Christmas and the beginning of Ordinary Time, in which we journey through the public ministry of the Lord Jesus. That means his teaching, his parables and miracles. This year, we are reading the Gospel of Matthew at Sunday Mass.

The public ministry of Jesus began with his baptism by his cousin, St John the Baptist, in the River Jordan, when Jesus was 30 years old. The whole period of his childhood, adolescence and early adulthood we refer to as "the hidden years" as we know nothing about them from the Scriptures. 30 was a significant age in ancient Israel: the age that a priest began his public ministry.

When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan, he instituted the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. This Sacrament is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.

Baptism in danger of death

Ordinarily, baptism is celebrated by a bishop, priest or deacon in a parish church. However, in danger of death, anyone can baptise, anywhere. It is important to know this in case you find yourself in a tragic situation in which there is no time to call for a priest. This might be for a new-born infant, a child not yet baptised, or for an unbaptised adult. In the case of an unbaptised adult, they should have expressed a desire for baptism. This only applies to the unbaptised. Baptism is not to be repeated.

How do you baptise?

To baptise validly, you must pour water (not necessarily blessed, but real, natural water) on the head of the person three times while saying:

I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

What to do afterwards

Afterwards, whether the person baptised lives or dies, you should inform the local parish priest of the Baptism. He will record the sacrament in the parish register. If the person survives, he will arrange to celebrate the additional rites with them.

With my prayers and best wishes for 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

Seminarian on Placement – We welcome Ashley Wells, a first-year seminarian for our diocese, to our parish. He has a month-long pastoral placement at the Jesuit Refugee Service. Please pray for him and make him welcome.

Epiphany Chalk – If you missed out on the Epiphany chalk, blessed at Mass last Thursday, there is some still in the church either by the crib (if it is still up), or with the newsletters. You can use this to mark your front doors and bless your home for the year ahead. Please see last Sunday's newsletter for the details.

Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life – Every Catholic should ask the Lord what he asks of them for their life. If you wonder if the Lord is calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, please speak with Fr Andrew and he can help you to discern. The Church needs vocations. There is a great opportunity while Ashley is here in the parish to speak to a seminarian. Please pray earnestly to the Lord that he will raise up new, holy priests and religious, including from our own parish.

New Altar Servers – We really need more altar servers! Ideally both adults and children. Servers add a dignity to improve our celebration of the liturgy and are a great help to the priest. There is grace, too, for those who participate so closely in the celebration of the Mass and offer this service to the parish. There is an opportunity for some training for new servers on Sunday 22nd January after the 10am Mass. Please speak to Fr Andrew or email him.

Church Cleaning – We still need help with the church cleaning teams. It means about an hour on a Saturday morning once every three weeks. Please speak to one of the stewards if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Each evening Tuesday-Friday, 7-8pm. Spend some time in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus.

Evening Prayer, Tuesday-Thursday, 7pm – From this Tuesday, we will pray Evening Prayer ("Vespers") on Tuesdays-Thursdays at 7pm, at the beginning of the Holy Hour. It is a great way to sanctify the day, and only takes 15 minutes. Please join us.

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 EVENTS

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 17th January, 12.30pm. Parish Centre

Church Cleaning – Saturday 14th January, 8.30am (Michelle and 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



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.