St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

22nd January 2023

SAT 21 Jan	6.30pm		Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP Anni.
SUN 22	10.00am ▶	+ 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OF THE WORD OF GOD)	Maria Pasterny RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		Deceased Members of the Crowley Family RIP
MON 23	10.00am ▶	Feria	Elizabeth Ramsey RIP
TUE 24	10.00am ▶	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	Franey Family (Ints)
WED 25	*No Mass*	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	
THU 26	6.30pm ▶	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Christina Kumar RIP
FRI 27	6.30pm ▶	Feria	Christian Tardieu RIP
SAT 28	10.00am ▶	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Julie McGannon RIP B'day
SUN 29	10.00am ▶	+ 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ashley Wells (Ints)
	6.30pm		Charles Murphy RIP

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

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www.facebook.com /rcwapping

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Sunday of the Word of God

This is the "Sunday of the Word of God", a special day devoted to the celebration and study of the Word of God.

Any Catholic who attends Mass regularly knows much more of the Scriptures than they might at first realise. In the three-year cycle of Sunday readings, we hear a good portion of the whole Bible. There is great spiritual benefit when this is supplemented by private prayer with the Word of God. You might like to use this Sunday as an opportunity and encouragement to read more of the Bible in your prayers each day.

"The Bible in a Year": One excellent, modern resource is a podcast by Fr Mike Schmitz, "The Bible in a Year". The episodes are about 20mins each day and will cover the whole Bible over 365 days, with reading from the Scripture, a short reflection to explain it, and then prayer. If you have a daily commute, this might be just the ticket; either way, I recommend it as a part of your daily prayer routine. It will help you get to know the Scriptures better, and open up your prayer life to the Spirit speaking to you through the Scriptures. You should find it on Apple Podcasts and Spotify, etc., too: https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm

Seminarian Ashley Wells

Finally, this is the last Sunday that Ashley will be with us in Wapping. For those who missed his introduction, Ashley is a seminarian for our diocese in the first year of his formation for the priesthood, training in our seminary in Valladolid, Spain. He has been on placement at the Jesuit Refugee Service this month, and helping in the parish at the weekends.

It's only been a short placement, but I have found Ashley a great help and presence in the parish. Please pray for him and his ongoing discernment of priesthood. Thank you for making him welcome here in Wapping.

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

Sick and Housebound Parishioners – If you know of any parishioners who are unable to come to Mass over an extended period, please let Fr Andrew know so he can arrange to visit them and organise for them to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Adrian Tobin, well-known to many in our parish, and for his family and friends who mourn him. Funeral details to follow.

Sunday Tea and Coffee – Thank you to our volunteers for helping with the tea and coffee last Sunday, it was lovely to see so many of you there. Next parish tea and coffee Sunday 5th February after the 10am Mass in the Parish Centre. Please come and spend some time together after Mass.

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 – 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.

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: Beatrice Bourke, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

And for the recently departed, including: Adrian Tobin.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo this **Tuesday, 24th January**, 12.30pm, Parish Centre and also the following **Tuesday, 31st January** to make up for the missed week.

200 Club - The 200 club for 2022-2023 is up and running again. Below are the draw numbers from June – November (all winners have been notified) June numbers – 1st

12, 2nd 51, 3rd 53, 4th 36. July numbers – 1st 26, 2nd 36, 3rd 62, 4th 41. August numbers – 1st 28, 2nd 18, 3rd 41, 4th 63. September numbers – 1st 7, 2nd 53, 3rd 55, 4th 1. October numbers – 1st 35, 2nd 20, 3rd 5, 4th 8. November numbers – 1st 18, 2nd 6, 3rd10, 4th 5.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 28th 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 26th January, 7.15pm. Session 16: Catholic Reformation 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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Chorister Opportunities at Westminster Cathedral Choir School – Open morning for prospective chorister families, Sunday 5th February, 10am-1pm. The Choir School are looking for boys with singing/musical potential in years 2, 3 or 4, potentially to join one of the world's great choirs. There are no financial barriers to entry, with generous scholarships worth up to 100% of fees, on a means-tested basis.

Contact Lucy Auger lauger@choirschool.com | www.choirschool.com | 020 7798 9081

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:

1. **Cost of Living Hub** (Mayor of London): https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub
2. **Energy debts:** https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/
3. **National Energy Action:** Warm and Safe Homes helpline 0800 304 7159
4. **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.