St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

29th January 2023

SAT 28	6.30pm		Julie McGannon RIP B'day
SUN 29	10.00am	+ 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ashley Wells (Ints)
	6.30pm		Charles Murphy RIP
MON 30	10.00am	Feria	Kathleen Aspell RIP B'day
TUE 31	10.00am	St John Bosco, Priest	Private B'day Intention
WED 1 Feb	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 2	6.30pm	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	James Clark RIP
FRI 3	6.30pm	Ss Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury	Michael Francis Hart (B'day Ints)
SAT 4	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Casey McKee (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 5	10.00am	+ 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eileen Rigglesworth RIP
	6.30pm		Fr Andrew Connick (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

Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Thursday 7.00pm

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Thursday 2nd February: The Presentation of the Lord

The 2nd February each year is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is the last of the Christmas feasts. In fact, in many parts of Europe, and elsewhere, the Christmas decorations and Nativity Crib remain until this feast.

Under the Law of Moses, a mother was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, after which she would present herself to the priests in the Temple and offer sacrifice for purification. Of course, the Mother of God was in no need of purification, but she and her husband did not hold themselves above the Law. On the day of her purification, the Lord Jesus was presented in the Temple for the first time. This was like another Epiphany, another revealing of the Son of God, this time to the priests of the Jewish religion. Tuesday, 2nd February, is 40 days after Christmas Day.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelit procession for this feast. Later, the blessing and distribution of candles became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

The Mass on Thursday evening will begin with the blessing of candles.

Friday 3rd February: Memorial of St Blaise

St Blaise was a doctor in Sebastea, Armenia, in the 3rd century, who came to faith in Christ, was baptised and eventually became bishop. He lived a life of great virtue and holiness, and people came to him from far afield to be cured both physically and spiritually. In persecutions ordered by the Augustus of the East, Licinius, in 316, Blaise was arrested, scourged and beheaded.

In one report of his arrest, a distraught mother brought her son to him, who was choking on a fishbone, and begged his help. He prayed and the child was saved. As such, he is patron saint for protection against illnesses of the throat. From the 8th century, a custom developed of blessing throats through the intercession of St Blaise using candles from the feast of Candlemas (the day before).

Oddly, in this country, the Mass of St Blaise is not celebrated. Instead, we have a diocesan feast of three archbishops of Canterbury: Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore. Nonetheless, after Mass on Friday evening I will give the St Blaise blessing of throats to anyone who wishes.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

February: For parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

PARISH NOTICES

Interested in Catholic faith? We will soon start a new group for anyone interested in exploring and better understanding Catholic faith, including for those with no Christian background, and for adult Catholics who missed out on Confirmation for any reason. First meeting on Thursday 2nd March, 7.30pm. Please register your interest:
https://rcwapping.typeform.com/wrcia

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. His Funeral Mass will be Tuesday 28th February, 10am.

Sunday Tea and Coffee – Parish tea and coffee next Sunday 5th February after the 10am Mass in the Parish Centre. Please come and spend some time together after Mass.

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 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

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo this **Tuesday, 31st January**, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 4th February, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Enquiry Group, for those interested in knowing more about Catholic faith – First meeting Thursday 2nd March, 7.30pm.

Epic: A Journey Through Church History – Next session Thursday 2nd February, **7.30pm**. Session 17: Revolutions & Modernism.

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



REGULAR NOTICES

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 and Kathleen Saunders.

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.