St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

5th February 2023

SAT 4	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 5	10.00am ▶	+ 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eileen Rigglesworth RIP
	6.30pm		Fr Andrew Connick (Ints)
MON 6	10.00am	St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Private Intention
TUE 7	***No Mass***	Feria	
WED 8	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 9	6.30pm	Feria	Martin and Derek Hoy (RIP)
FRI 10	6.30pm	St Scholastica, Virgin	Carla Stone (Ints)
SAT 11	***No Mass***	Our Lady of Lourdes	
	6.30pm		Vocations to the Priesthood
SUN 12	10.00am ▶	+ 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Nora Fuller (RIP) Birthday
	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

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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:

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. It is a good opportunity to mention the importance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Christ gave us the sacraments to help us, so we should make use of them!

Who can receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick? Any member of the faithful as soon there is a danger of death because of sickness or old age. This sacrament can be given several times as an illness worsens or if another serious sickness begins. **It is a sacrament of healing, and not only for the point of death**.

What are the effects of this sacrament? This sacrament confers a special grace which unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ. It gives comfort, peace, courage, and the forgiveness of sins (if the sick person is not able to make a confession). Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this sacrament brings physical healing. Sometimes, it prepares the sick person for the journey to the Father's house.

What should I do? If you are in danger of death through illness or frailty, or if you are about to undergo a serious operation in which there is a danger of death, ask me for the Sacrament of the Sick. Likewise, if you know someone who should receive it, speak to them first and then speak to me (or the hospital chaplain or local priest if elsewhere). **Most importantly, do not leave it until it is too late**. The sacraments are only for the living, and it is better to be cautious by requesting the sacrament early.

What if I am in hospital? Inform the nursing staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like your details to be passed to the Roman Catholic Chaplain. Even if you state your religion on admission that information is not automatically sent to the hospital chaplains. You must ask explicitly.

There are two Catholic priest chaplains for the Royal London and St Bart's hospitals. When they are off duty, cover is provided by some of the local parish priests, including me. Someone is always on call. If I know a parishioner is in hospital, I will happily visit.

Want to know more? *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1499-1532.

"Is any man sick among you? Let him send for the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man: and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he has any sins, they shall be forgiven him." (James 5:14-15)

I wish you all God's blessing for the week ahead. 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

No Mass on Tuesday 10am and Saturday 10am this week, while Fr Andrew is away. All other Masses will be celebrated as usual. On Tuesday, there is Mass at St Mary and St Michael, Commercial Road, at 10am, and English Martyrs, Prescott Street, at 1pm. Sincere thanks to Fr Victor and Fr Ray for covering Masses in Fr Andrew's absence.

No weekday Mass livestream this week – Please note there will be no livestreaming of weekday Masses. Sunday Mass will be livestreamed as usual.

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 here at St Patrick's. Details of an evening vigil on Monday 27th February are still to be confirmed.

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

Evening Prayer, Tuesday-Thursday, 7pm – We 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 Tuesday 14th February, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 11th February, 11.00am (Caroline'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 16th February, 7.15pm. Session 18: A World at War.

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

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.

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!

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/

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.