St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

19th February 2023

SAT 18	6.30pm	+ 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Miriam Marston (Int)
SUN 19	10.00am ▶		People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Tim Charlesworth (Int)
MON 20	10.00am ▶	Feria	Maureen Davies RIP
TUE 21	*No Mass*	Feria	
WED 22	**10.00am** ▶	**ASH WEDNESDAY**	Kumar & Aspell Families
	6.30pm		Private Intention
THU 23	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Private Intention
FRI 24	**10.00am** ▶	Lent Feria	Private Intention
SAT 25	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	Ravindra & Christina Kumar RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 26	10.00am ▶	+ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT	June Hadfield (Int)
	6.30pm		Nicole Jacopona Scofield (Int)

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

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7.00pm

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(Day Off: Wednesday)

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Season of Lent

Lent begins this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Please spend some time considering your three Lenten resolutions. They are meant to be opportunities for God's grace to detach us from our worldly addictions and remind us that we belong to Christ and not to the world.

- **Fast** (give something up) to detach yourself from food and other worldly pleasures.
- **Alms** (charitable giving) to detach you from money and possessions and grow in solidarity with the poor.
- **Prayer** to detach you from ego and pride.

Whatever you choose, the idea is not to be miserable! Our resolutions are meant to restore the joy and freedom we have in Christ Jesus.

Mass on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 10am and 6.30pm.

A reminder, too, that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. We abstain from meat (and alcohol and other pleasures) and we also fast (those who are able), perhaps eating only a single simple meal in the day.

During Lent that our celebration of Mass assumes a more sombre character. There is less singing, no Gloria, no flowers in church (please don't bring any) and we refrain from singing or saying "Alleluia". Later in Lent you will see the statues veiled, too.

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

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, Mondays in Lent, beginning 27th February, 7pm: A Bible study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, explore the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Please register your interest, indicating whether you would prefer in-person meetings or Zoom:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/mary2023

Changes to Mass this week – No Mass on Tuesday 10am. Ash Wednesday as below. Friday Mass at 10am rather than 6.30pm. Everything else as usual.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Mass with the imposition of ashes will be at 10.00am and 6.30pm.

Stations of the Cross for Lent will begin on Friday, 24th February, 7pm.

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

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. Adrian will be received into the church on Monday 27th February at 6pm, followed by a blessing and prayers. There will be a short vigil until 8pm for anybody that would like to stay and pay their respects.

REGULAR EVENTS

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 28th February, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 25th February, 8.30am (Michelle and 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 23rd February, 7.15pm. Session 19: The New Springtime.

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.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother – First session Monday 27th February, 7pm. See above for registration.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: The annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP, including visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow Airport. Costs are £2265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement. Booking forms are available now from Tangey Tours:
http://www.tangey-tours.com/WHL

Annual Mass for Matrimony – Celebrated by the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May, 2.30pm, for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2023 – 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, please give your details to your Parish Priest (names, date of marriage, place of marriage, email and home address), and he will arrange an invitation for you.

Bach's St John Passion, Westminster Cathedral Choir, Thursday 16th March 2023, 7.30pm. Discount for parishioners of 50%. The Cathedral Choir will be accompanied by a period Baroque orchestra and joined by outstanding soloists James Gilchrist and Roderick Williams, and directed by the Cathedral's Master of Music, Simon Johnson. Use the code **SJP50** to obtain the discount:
https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=saint50john

'Come and See' – Introduction to the Diaconate, 4th March, 10am-12noon – Men who may be considering a vocation as a deacon, or for those wanting to know more about the Permanent Diaconate. Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. More information, email Deacon Colin Macken: colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk

Catholic Medical Ethics: A group for medical students and healthcare professionals interested in learning about the Catholic Church's response to difficult ethical questions. Dr Chris Wojtulewicz of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, with other guest academics and professionals, will be leading a seven-week virtual Bioethics lecture series. The lectures take place on Mondays 7-8pm on Teams. To register, or for more information, email Laurence Jasper, Catholic Chaplain at King's College London:
laurence.jasper@kcl.ac.uk

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.