St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

5th March 2023

SAT 4 Mar	6.30pm		Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP Anni.
SUN 5	10.00am	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		People of the parish
MON 6	10.00am	Lent Feria	Dan McAlinden RIP Anni.
TUE 7	10.00am	Lent Feria	John & Mary Clark RIP
WED 8	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU 9	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Kathleen Bridget Aspell RIP
FRI 10	**10.00am**	Lent Feria	Sheila Kumar (Ints)
SAT 11	***No Mass***	Lent Feria	
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 12	10.00am	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Biddy Sullivan RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		Deceased of the Franey Family

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

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7.00am

Evening Prayer: Tuesday-Thursday 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7.00pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Confession before Easter

One important part of our individual preparation in Lent is to make Confession. I will be available on the Fridays in Lent, after Stations of the Cross, 7.30-8.00pm, 17th, 24th and 31st March. You can also ask me after Mass any day, or send me an email if you want to arrange another time. I am flexible. Please don't worry if it's been a long time.

First, it is important to prepare by making an Examination of Conscience. There are lots of versions available, online. A simple version is on the parish website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/confession/

Then, this is a reminder of the rite itself:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bless me, father, for I have sinned. It has been *(how long?)* since my last Confession. I am single/married. These are my sins…

Name your sins clearly and briefly. When you are finished, indicate to the priest by the following or similar: **For these and all my sins I am truly sorry.**

Listen to the counsel the priest gives. He will give you a penance to perform later. Next, he will ask you to make an "Act of Contrition" (this is just one example):

O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His Name, O Lord, have mercy.

The priest will say the prayer of absolution. At the words "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father…" make the sign of the Cross. Then the priest will dismiss you with a short prayer. The response is: **Thanks be to God.**

If your Lent has not begun as well as you had hoped, don't worry! There are still four weeks to go. May the Lord bless each of you in this week ahead, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

March: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

PARISH NOTICES

Changes to Masses this week – Friday: 10.00am (rather than 6.30pm). There will still be Stations of the Cross as usual at 7.00pm. Saturday: no morning Mass, but the evening Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays in Lent, 7.00pm (after the evening Mass).

St Patrick's Celebration – The feast of St Patrick is Friday 17th March. As he is patron of our parish, we celebrate his feast as a solemnity: that means no fasting and abstinence on that Friday! We will mark the feast on Sunday 19th March with a reception after the 10am Mass in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

Confessions in Lent – Fr Andrew will be available for Confession during the Holy Hour, after Stations of the Cross, 7.30-8.00pm, on Friday 17th March, Friday 24th March and Friday 31st March. You can also ask him after Mass any day, or arrange for another time by phoning or emailing him.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Retiring Collection – Friday past was CAFOD Lent Fast Day, on which we are asked to fast in solidarity with the poorest of our brothers and sisters, and help them practically by donating what we have saved by our fast. We will take a retiring collection (at the end of Mass) for CAFOD. CAFOD is our national, Catholic, oversees aid agency. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church for adding Gift Aid to any cash donations. You can donate using the card machines but, unfortunately, it is not possible to Gift Aid card donations. You can also donate to CAFOD directly online. Thank you for your generosity. https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day

Lenten Alms (Jesuit Refugee Service) – As usual, our parish is nominating the Jesuit Refugee Service, based here in Wapping, as the recipient of our Lenten almsgiving. In Lent we fast, pray and give alms. You may have your own almsgiving project in mind, but if not, the money box nearest the sacristy door is for Lenten alms donations. More information about the work of JRS: jrsuk.net

Interested in Catholic faith? The Christian Discovery Group – A gentle introduction to the Creed: the basic statement of Catholic Christian faith. For anyone interested in exploring and better understanding Catholic faith, including for those with no Christian background. Meetings on Thursdays, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery. Please register your interest: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/wrcia

REGULAR EVENTS

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 14th March, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 11th March, 11.00am (Caroline's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Christian Discovery Group, for those interested in learning more about Catholic faith – Thursdays, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery.

Epic: A Journey Through Church History – Final session Thursday 9th March, 7.15pm. Session 20: The Threshold of Hope. There is no session this Thursday 2nd March.

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 – Monday 6th March, 7pm, session 2: The Annunciation.

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 ask Fr Andrew to 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

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: Patricia Monehen, 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.