St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Laetare Sunday (Year A)

19th March 2023

SAT 18 Mar	6.30pm	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)	Helen Clark RIP
SUN 19	10.00am ▶		Canon Digby Samuels RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 20	10.00am ▶	**ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese**	Mary Christina Kumar RIP
TUE 21	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	James Aspell RIP Anni.
WED 22	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU 23	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Private Intention
FRI 24	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Private Intention
SAT 25	10.00am ▶	**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**	Ravindra Kumar RIP B'day
	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 26	10.00am ▶	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Ravindra Kumar RIP B'day

Masses marked ▶ are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Friday 7.30-8.00pm
(and after 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: Mon-Fri 7.00am **Evening Prayer:** Tue-Thu 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7.00pm

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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(Day Off: Wednesday)

Safeguarding: Adele Schirinzi
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PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Laetare Sunday

This Fourth Sunday of Lent takes its name from the Latin of the entrance antiphon for Mass: Rejoice, O Jerusalem! "*Lætare, Ierusalem"*. We have just passed the midpoint of Lent, and this is marked by a relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten season. In church, just for a day, flowers may be used for decoration, the organ may be played more fully, and the usual Lenten purple is replaced with rose pink.

Outside of church, there is a relaxation of the usual Lenten fasting. In England, a Medieval tradition anticipated Easter with simnel cake, a light fruitcake with layers of marzipan and eleven marzipan balls for the eleven apostles (no Judas Iscariot!).

Mothering Sunday

Also connected with Laetare Sunday is Mothering Sunday. From the Middle Ages, in the British Isles, this was a day in which a person would visit their "mother church", meaning the church in which they were baptised and raised. The relaxation of Lenten fasting on this Sunday made it an obvious choice to celebrate (with simnel cake, of course). For anyone who had moved away from home, this made it possible to visit family. Our modern Mothering Sunday celebration comes from this tradition.

We give thanks to God today and ask his blessing on our mothers, and on those who have taken on the role of mother in our lives. But this is also a difficult day for some. We hold before the Lord the souls of our mothers who have died, and we ask his blessing on those who have a painful and unfulfilled longing to be mothers.

Entrusting you all to Mother Mary and St Joseph this week, 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

Planned Giving Drive – For those who wish to begin or change their financial offering to the parish, there are forms available at the back of church. There will be some instructions at the end of Masses this weekend. You can also contact Lucy, the Parish Secretary, for more information: lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Financial Summary 2022 – Last weekend, we shared a leaflet with some details of the parish's financial situation. For those who would like more information, a fuller summary sheet is available at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Raffle – Tickets are on sale from this weekend for our Easter raffle, at the end of Sunday Masses. Proceeds will go towards our refurbishment fund. With thanks to Phyllis for organising it.

St Patrick's Celebration – Please join us after 10am Mass this Sunday for a reception in the Parish Centre to celebrate the feast of St Patrick's. Everyone welcome.

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

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 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.

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 NOTICES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Patricia Monehen, Beatrice Bourke, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

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

Church Cleaning – Saturday 25th March, 10.30am (Beryl'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.

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 20th March, 7pm, session 4: The Nativity.

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.

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

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.