St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

26th March 2023

SAT 25 Mar	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 26	10.00am ▶	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Ravindra Kumar RIP B'day
MON 27	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	Annie O'Kelly RIP
TUE 28	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	Carmela Ferrara RIP
WED 29	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU 30	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Monica Clark RIP
FRI 31	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Spiritual Transformation
SAT 1 Apr	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	St Patrick's Artist Community
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 2	10.00am ▶	**+ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**	Anselm Lawrence RIP
	6.30pm		Thomas & Sarah Sullivan RIP

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
lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

Events Coordinator: Joann Condon
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Passiontide Veils

This last fortnight of Lent is "Passiontide". Our attention is focussed more keenly on the sufferings of Christ, and we enter a time of deeper penitence. You will notice that the crosses, statues, and images in church have been veiled in violet. Various explanations are given for this traditional practice. Throughout the year, we glory in the crucifix and the saints as signs of Christ's victory over sin and death. In Passiontide, we are reminded instead of Christ's suffering, and those signs of his victory are obscured. The Stations of the Cross, alone, are left unveiled, for this reason. The celebration of his victory must wait until Good Friday, on which the crosses are unveiled, and the Easter Vigil, for which the saints are unveiled. The veils create a sense of anticipation for our celebration of Easter.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Next Sunday**,** 10.00am Mass will begin in the Rose Garden (opposite the Marine Police Headquarters), with the blessing of palms and procession to church. This commemorates the joyful entry into Jerusalem of the Lord Jesus, just a few days before his Passion and Death, and marks the beginning of our Holy Week celebrations. Please join us there. (In case of rain, Mass will begin in the church as usual).

The Saturday and Sunday evening Masses next weekend will take place in church as usual, including the blessing of palms.

Easter Break

To the many families going away this Easter, I wish you safe travels and the Lord's blessing for this Holy Week and Easter. These are the greatest feasts of the Church's year and celebrate the heart of our Christian faith. Wherever you are, please try to join the Paschal Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) if you can.

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.

April: For a non-violent culture. Let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-violence, that will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday 6th April (Maundy Thursday)

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 7th April (Good Friday)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 8th April (Holy Saturday)

8.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday 9th April (Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection)

10.00am Easter Mass

(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross, Friday 31st March, 7.00pm (after the evening Mass). This week the Stations of the Cross will be led by the Jesuit Refugee Service.

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. You can also contact Lucy, the Parish Secretary, for more information: lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

Planned Giving Envelopes – If you currently donate to the parish by envelope, please collect your envelopes for the new financial year from the stewards this weekend.

Easter Offering – If you are away over Easter, please consider making your Easter offering before you go. The offerings at Christmas and Easter make up Fr Andrew's salary for the year. There are donation envelopes at the back of church, just write "Easter Offering" and place in the collection or drop at the Presbytery (Dundee Street).

Parish Financial Summary 2022 – For those who would like more information about the parish's finances, a 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 again 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.

Confessions in Lent – Friday 31st March, 7.30-8.00pm. You can also ask Fr Andrew after Mass any day, or arrange for another time by phoning or emailing him.

Lenten Alms (Jesuit Refugee Service) – The Jesuit Refugee Service, based here in Wapping, is our nominated parish project for our Lenten almsgiving. The money box nearest the sacristy door is for Lenten alms donations. More information: 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 1st April, 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.

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 27th March, 7pm, session 5: The Presentation & The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

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

Love the Stranger: Presents a Catholic response to refugees and migrants, from the Bishops of England and Wales: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/

Statement on "Buffer Zones": The Bishops of England and Wales condemn Clause 10 of the new Public Order Bill because it will lead to curtailment of freedom of speech for people of faith:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-for-life-issues-says-public-order-bill-will-disproportionately-affect-people-of-faith/

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

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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/

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.