St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, Divine Mercy Sunday (Year A) 16th April 2023

SAT 15 Apr	6.30pm	**+ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)**	People of the Parish
SUN 16	10.00am		Theresa Shakarho RIP
	6.30pm		Roy Roberts RIP
MON 17	10.00am	Easter Feria	Chriss Kumar & Kathleen Aspell RIP
TUE 18	10.00am	Easter Feria	Aaron Mendes (Ints)
WED 19	*No Mass*	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	
THU 20	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Mary Christina Kumar RIP Anni.
FRI 21	6.30pm	St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor	Peter & Amelia King
SAT 22	10.00am	Easter Feria	Grace Gestra RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 23	10.00am	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Gary James Conlon RIP
	6.30pm		Roland Paoletti RIP B'day

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

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm

Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri 7.00am **Evening Prayer:** Tue-Thu 7.00pm

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Easter Blessings

Easter is the "feast of feasts". St Athanasius called it the "Great Sunday". The celebration of Easter is connected to Baptism. It was a joy at the Easter Vigil to baptise Kerry and welcome her into the fold of the Good Shepherd. Please pray for her and for all new members of the family of the Church received this Easter.

I feel humbled by the generosity of our parish community, working together to praise and serve the Lord. At our liturgical celebrations of the Triduum and Easter, and behind the scenes, so many parishioners have worked hard so our celebrations have the solemnity they deserve. All the effort expended was to glorify our Risen Lord, but I still want to express my thanks to everyone involved. I am sure you will agree that the church looks beautiful for Easter, and our celebrations of Holy Week were dignified and uplifting. Thank you all. A personal thank you, too, for your generous cards, gifts, and Easter offerings for me.

The season of Easter lasts now for fifty days: forty days to the Ascension of the Lord (Thursday 18th May) and then another ten to the celebration of Pentecost. Eastertide is deliberately longer than Lent; the celebrations are longer than the fast!

Divine Mercy Holy Hour – This Sunday 2.30pm

This is "Divine Mercy Sunday". The Divine Mercy is a devotion celebrating God's infinite love for us all. It originates in revelations received by St Faustina Kowalska, the "Apostle of the Divine Mercy", in Poland in the 1930s, and commended to the whole Church by Pope Saint John Paul II.

We will have a Holy Hour at 2.30pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy devotions at 3pm, and concluding with Benediction at 3.30pm. Confession, which is the sacramental encounter with the Divine Mercy, will be available throughout. Whether or not you are familiar with the Divine Mercy devotions, you will be very welcome.

Continued Easter blessings to you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Divine Mercy Sunday, 16th April, 2.30-3.30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy devotions, with Confession available throughout.

Morning and Evening Prayer – With the support of several parishioners, we have decided to continue to pray in the church on a permanent basis Morning Prayer at 7am, Monday-Friday, and Evening Prayer at 7pm, Tuesday-Thursday. Morning and Evening Prayer come from the Liturgy of the Hours (sometimes called "The Divine Office"), and are the means by which the Church sanctifies the whole day to the Lord. Each takes about 15 minutes only. You are always welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – A reminder that there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each week Tuesday-Friday, 7-8pm. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, watching regularly with the Lord, this is a great opportunity for private prayer. Building a visit to the Blessed Sacrament into your daily routine, even if only for a few minutes, is an excellent way of building up your prayer life and growing in peace and inner freedom.

Raffle – Winning numbers for our Easter raffle: 1st 391, 2nd 121, 3rd 171, 4th 321, 5th 431, 6th 191. Congratulations to the winners, who have all been notified. Thank you to Phyllis for arranging the raffle and donating the prizes.

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

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: Natalie Williams, Patricia Monehen, Beatrice Bourke, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 25th April, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 22nd April, 11am (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 – next session Thursday 20th April, 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 17th April, 7pm, session 7: Mary at the Cross.

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



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.