St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

23rd April 2023

SAT 22 Apr	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
MON 24	10.00am ▶	**ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England**	Private Intention
TUE 25	10.00am ▶	ST MARK, Evangelist	Mary Christina Kumar RIP Anni.
WED 26	*No Mass*		
THU 27	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Private Intention
FRI 28	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Carol Mein (Ints)
SAT 29	10.00am ▶	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor	Michael Hart (Ints) & Eileen Hart RIP
	6.30pm		Kate Ashby Jeddeloh (Ints)
SUN 30	10.00am ▶	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Paris Family (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

Rosary: Friday 7.00pm

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

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PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:



The Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is the Easter symbol of Christ, the Light of the World. It was lit in the Easter fire at the Easter Vigil and remains in the sanctuary for the whole of Eastertide (until Pentecost), and then is used at baptisms and funerals throughout the year.

At the top is the Cross, the symbol of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He is the Alpha and the Omega (the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet), the beginning and the end (Rev 1:7; 21:13). The brass beads contain incense and represent his Five Precious Wounds (three for his hands and feet, the spear piercing his Most Sacred Heart and the crown of thorns).

The image of the Lamb is from the Book of Revelation, an image of the Risen Jesus. The Lamb appears slain but is standing and alive (Rev 5:6). The Precious Blood of the Lamb, shed in his sacrifice, is collected in a Chalice, representing the Eucharist, in which we share in the crucified Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Lamb holds a *vexillum*, a Roman flag-like standard, indicating his victory over death. He stands on the judgement scroll with seven seals, because he alone is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll (Rev 5:3). That indicates that the Lamb, having submitted to the will of the Father and endured death, is now entrusted with the judgement of humanity. He is surrounded by light, because in the Heavenly City there will be no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God will give it light and its lamp will be the Lamb himself (Rev 21:23).

Feel free to have a closer look. It was painted by my brother, Robert. I am very grateful to him. With my prayers, and wishing you continued Easter blessings, 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

Next Weekend: Priest Training Fund – Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, fourteen for our own diocese, plus two men in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year five men were ordained to the priesthood. Your generosity supports these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

CAFOD Kitchen Garden: New Season – Volunteers Needed – We are in URGENT need of volunteers to help with the many tasks that the new season inevitably brings. If you feel that you can help in some way, however small, your contribution will make a real difference and will be most appreciated. Garden knowledge is not essential, much of the help is for weeding and watering. Traditionally, we meet on Saturdays but any time that you might be able to offer would be most welcome. Please speak to Lance, Fr Andrew or Lucy in the Parish Office if you are interested.

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.

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 this Tuesday 25th April, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 29th April, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi'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 27th 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 24th April, 7pm, session 8: Mary Crowned with Glory.

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

Vocations Evening, Wednesday 17th May – An Open Evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Evening Mass at 6pm will be followed by a gathering in the social centre for a short presentation, informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

'Come and See' – Introduction to the Diaconate, Saturday 20th May – For men considering a vocation as a deacon or wanting to know more about the Permanent Diaconate. Introductory morning, 10am-12noon, New Southgate Parish Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes, 373 Bowes Road, N11 1AA. Please contact Deacon Colin Macken: colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk

Exhibition: St Francis of Assisi, 6th May-30th July, The National Gallery – Exploring the life and legacy of St Francis of Assisi. Curated by the Director of The National Gallery, Dr Gabriele Finaldi, with Dr Joost Joustra, Curator in Art and Religion, the exhibition will include paintings by Botticelli, Sassetta, Caravaggio, Murillo, El Greco, and Antony Gormley as well as a new commission from Richard Long. Admission free: https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi

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.

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

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.