St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

30th April 2023

SAT 29 Apr	6.30pm		Kate Ashby Jeddeloh (Ints)
SUN 30	10.00am	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Paris Family (Ints)
MON 1	**11.00am**	Easter Feria	Michael Bruno RIP Anni.
TUE 2	10.00am	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	Diego Prandina RIP
WED 3	*No Mass*	SS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles	
THU 4	6.30pm	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	Private Intention
FRI 5	6.30pm	For His Majesty King Charles III on His Coronation	
SAT 6	10.00am	Easter Feria	Marie Jermey & Michael Leak RIP
	6.30pm		Nora Fuller RIP
SUN 7	10.00am	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Annette Van Leuven RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

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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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Good Shepherd Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

St John Henry Newman began his well-known prayer: "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He committed some work to me he has not committed to another." We each have a vocation. Each vocation is a way of living out the Christian life, in service of God and each other. No vocation is more "important" than another. Every Catholic should ask the Lord what he wants of them.

For a small number of men, that vocation is priesthood. The first step on that path is usually a conversation the Parish Priest, and then the diocesan Vocations Team. After some discernment, the Archbishop decides to admit him to seminary. Formation for priesthood involves human, pastoral, spiritual and intellectual aspects, usually over six or seven years. During this time both the seminarian and the Church discern whether priesthood is right or not.

Our diocese has eighteen seminarians at present. We are not ordaining as many priests as there are priests retiring and dying. That needs prayer, and will soon require some difficult decisions about the future of our parishes. Please pray to the Lord to raise up new and holy priestly vocations.

If you think the Lord might be calling you, please speak to me. You are not signing your life away by having a conversation about it! There is also an open evening on Wednesday 7th May, after 6pm Mass in Spanish Place parish (near Bond Street). See below. Priests come from all sorts of backgrounds and situations. They receive their call at different ages. The way in which a call is manifested can be very different.

If there is someone you think would make a good priest, tell them. Ask them if they have thought about it. The Lord may well use your prompt to reach out to that person.

Priesthood is a specific type of service to which the Lord calls some. It is not more important than the other vocations and states of life, but the Church does need priests. Today we are asked to pray for priestly vocations for the Church's future.

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

May: For ecclesial movements and groups. Let us pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their evangelising mission, and that they place their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.

PARISH NOTICES

Bank Holiday Monday: Mass at 11am.

This Weekend: Retiring Collection for the Priest Training Fund – 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 continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Prayer for the Coronation – St Paul exhorted us to pray for "kings and all who are in high positions" (1 Tim 2:2). We will do that as a Catholic community, in preparation for the coronation, by offering Mass this coming Friday 5th May, 6.30pm. There are also prayer cards produced by the Bishops' Conference to take home this weekend.

Wapping Coronation Street Party, Sunday 7th May, 12noon-4pm – Cakes and Savouries Needed! The parish will have a stall at the Coronation Street Party next Sunday, selling refreshments, cakes and savouries. Proceeds will go towards our refurbishment fund. We need homemade cakes and savouries! Please take your donations directly to the stall on Sunday, preferably before 12noon, and please include a card with the ingredients you used, for those with allergies.

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.

REGULAR NOTICES

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

And for the recently departed, including: Dennis Franey.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 9th May, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 6th April, 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 – next session Thursday 4th May, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery.

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.