St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

7th May 2023

SAT 6 May	6.30pm		Nora Fuller RIP Anni.
SUN 7	10.00am ▶	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Annette Van Leuven RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 8	**11.00am** ▶	Our Lady of Africa (Votive)	John Sullivan RIP B'day
TUE 9	10.00am ▶	Easter Feria	Mary Christina Kumar RIP
WED 10	*No Mass*	Easter Feria	
THU 11	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Mary Christina Kumar RIP
FRI 12	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Diego Prandina RIP
SAT 13	10.00am ▶	Our Lady of Fatima	Kate Ashby Jeddeloh (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of Parish
SUN 14	10.00am ▶	+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Birthday Blessing
	6.30pm		Monica Clark RIP

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

The Rosary: Tuesday-Friday 7.15pm

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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(Day Off: Wednesday)

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

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the May

Mother Mary is honoured particularly in the month of May, in part because several feasts of Our Lady fall this month. Beginning probably in Italy in the seventeenth century, the whole month of May came to be dedicated to Mary.

Many different customs around the world honour Mary in May. Often, they include a "May Altar" in the home with images of the Blessed Virgin, candles and flowers, around which the family prays the Rosary in the evenings.

If you don't already, please consider taking up the routine of daily Rosary, perhaps offering it each day especially for peace in the world. We are praying the Rosary every evening during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. In addition, our parish Rosary group prays every day from home, coordinated via WhatsApp. Please contact the Parish Office if you want to join them, or speak to Beryl Israel.

The Coronation of the King

If you watched the coronation of King Charles III, you may have been struck by the resemblance to the conferring of the Sacrament of Holy Orders at the ordination of a bishop or priest. The King was clothed in a stole and cope, priestly vestments, and anointed with the Sacred Oil of Chrism, as is a bishop and priest.

In the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church debated whether coronation was the eighth Sacrament. She concluded in the negative, that it was not instituted by Jesus Christ and there is no conferring of sacramental grace, as there is at ordination. Nonetheless, at coronation, a Catholic monarch was publicly and solemnly set apart for a specific role in the eyes of God: to rule, rather than for sacred ministry.

It is somewhat ironic that this is now preserved most clearly in the Church of England, in the Anglican Rite of Coronation. The Church of England, although calling itself Protestant, is not strictly so. It does not hold to the five precepts of Protestantism, and is instead an odd amalgam of Catholic and Protestant faith. It was a pleasure to see something of the Catholic origins of Anglican faith so clearly presented at the coronation. For me, it renews the sadness that the Church of England, close to us in many ways, remains in schism and, despite its piety and good intention, is without valid Sacraments (apart from Baptism). We should pray often for their return to the fold of Christ's Church and for their restoration to the full spiritual riches of Christ.

May God bless the King and Queen, and 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.

The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life – A new seven-week series to take you on a journey through life's deepest and most enduring questions, exploring the meaning and purpose of life and death, sorrow and happiness, science and faith. Wednesday evenings, 7pm, in the Upper Room in the Parish Centre. Hosted by our new Men's Group, but open to everyone to attend. Please register:

rcwapping.typeform.com/thesearch

Priest Training Fund – Thank you for your generosity to the collection for the Priest Training Fund last weekend. There are still donations to count, but we raised £492 so far. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests.

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Wapping Coronation Street Party, This Sunday 7th May, 12noon-4pm. Join us to celebrate this historic occasion of the Coronation. The parish will have a stall at the Coronation Street Party selling cakes and savouries.

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 this Tuesday 9th May, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 13th May, 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 – next session Thursday 11th 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

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.