# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

18th June 2023

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| **SAT 17** | 6.30pm | | Frank Game RIP B'day |
| **SUN 18** | 10.00am ▶ | + 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30pm | | Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP |
| **MON 19** | 10.00am ▶ | Feria | Michael Francis Hart (Ints) |
| **TUE 20** | 10.00am ▶ | St Alban, Protomartyr | Thomas and Helen Clark RIP |
| **WED 21** | *No Mass* | St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious | |
| **THU 22** | 6.30pm ▶ | SS JOHN FISHER, Bishop, and THOMAS MORE, Martyrs | Fr Digby RIP & Fr Andrew (Ints) |
| **FRI 23** | 6.30pm ▶ | Feria | Dennis Franey RIP |
| **SAT 24** | ~~10.00am~~ | **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST** *(No morning Mass)* | |
| | 6.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| **SUN 25** | 10.00am ▶ | + 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Maureen & John Martin RIP |
| | 6.30pm | | Tony Xuereb 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:** 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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*(Day Off: Wednesday)*

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

**Parish Secretary:** Lucy Knights
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**Events Coordinator:** Joann Condon
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## FR ANDREW WRITES:

### Day for Life 2023

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The third Sunday of June each year is the "Day for Life", set aside for raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage.

The theme this year is "Listen to Her" and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion, primarily on women, but also men and others. Each year a message is released, usually by one of the bishops, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that it is written by a Catholic woman who had an abortion, to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation. You can read the message online: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl23-message/

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, sent a message with his Apostolic Blessing to Catholics in the British Isles for this day, reminding us that, *"to defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality that involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human."*

Rachel's Vineyard is a healing ministry for those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion, or those who have been connected to someone who is:

https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

*Dearest Saint Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.*

*As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.*

*We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.*

*May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.*

*Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defence of human life - especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.*

*Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

The Lord bless you all, Fr Andrew.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION**

**June: For the abolition of torture.** Let us pray that the international community may commit itself concretely to abolish torture, guaranteeing support to victims and their families.

## PARISH NOTICES

**This Saturday, 24th June, no morning Mass**. There will be 6.30pm Mass as usual.

**Sacred Heart Devotions for June** – Thursdays, 7.15pm, during the Holy Hour.

**Thank you** to the many people who helped make the First Holy Communion celebrations so special last Sunday. Please pray for the children and their families.

**Wapping Shindig, Saturday 15th July** – There are stalls available at the annual Shindig for selling items, crafts, refreshments, information, etc. The cost is £20 for sellers, or £15 if you can supply your own table, etc. There is no charge for charity and information stalls. The parish will probably run a cake and savouries stall, again, and if you are interested in helping, please contact Jo at the Parish Office. For more information about the Shindig and to run a stall, contact Amanda:

turksheadcharity@gmail.com

**Pensioners' Summer Party, Monday 17th July, 12.30pm** – State Street Bank are hosting our Pensioners' Summer Party. If you would like to come, please contact Jo:

020 7481 2202 | joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

**Repairs to the Narthex Lunettes** – The leaded lunette window above the toilet in the narthex ("Back Chapel") has been removed to be repaired off-site. Several broken panes have been replaced in the other lunette windows. The works are being undertaken by a specialist stained glass studio at a cost to the parish of £4127+VAT (though we can usually reclaim the VAT because the church is a listed building).

**Kitchen Garden Produce on Sale** – The CAFOD Kitchen Garden is now in full swing for the summer. Produce is on sale on Sunday morning after 10am Mass. Everything is organic and home grown. Proceeds support the work of CAFOD, our Catholic agency caring for the poorest of peoples around the world.

**Volunteer Catechists** – We will start catechesis after Mass on Sunday mornings, during tea and coffee, for 30 minutes, beginning in September, for children in year 2 and above. This will supplement the religious education at English Martyrs, and help

parents with children not in Catholic school. For now, we are looking for volunteer catechists to help with starting this new programme. Please speak to Fr Andrew.

## REGULAR NOTICES

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

**Bingo for the Over 50s** – Next bingo this Tuesday 20th June, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

**Church Cleaning** – Saturday 24th June, 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 – will resume in September. Please speak to Fr Andrew if interested.

**The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life** – Next session, Wednesday 21st June, 7pm, in the Upper Room, Parish Centre.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Ordinations to the Priesthood, Saturday 24th June, 10.30am, Westminster Cathedral** – Next weekend, five new priests will be ordained for our diocese: Rev John Casey, Rev Marco Lazzaron, Rev Juan Sola Garcia, Rev Francis Thomas and Rev Patrick van der Vorst. Please pray for them and for all our seminarians, and for more vocations.

**JRS UK for Refugee Week,** 19th-25th June. This year, JRS UK will be celebrating refugee friends' creative writing and performance skills. The exhibit, "You can see me but I don't exist", displays poetry alongside long-exposure photography by Alan Gignoux. It speaks to the extended periods of uncertainty refugee friends face whilst waiting to hear on their asylum cases. More information:

https://www.jrsuk.net/news/join-jrs-for-refugee-week-2023/

**Dominican Order 800th Anniversary Walk to Blackfriars** – This year is the 800th anniversary of the first Dominican house in London. On Saturday 15th July, the Dominican friars will be making a pilgrimage walk, beginning with Mass in St Dominic's Priory Church, Haverstock Hill, 10am, followed by a walk to Blackfriars. There will be a lunch and drink break in a Blackfriars pub, followed by prayer around the vicinity of Apothecaries' Hall, the site of the second Dominican priory in London. Then St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, for a tour at 3pm, with a short talk by the Provincial Archivist, Fr Richard Finn OP, followed by sung Vespers at 4pm in St Bartholomew the Great, the third Dominican priory in London. All very welcome to join this pilgrimage.

**Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, Saturday 5th August 2023, Walsingham** – Led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Coach pick-up points at Westminster Cathedral, Harpenden, St Alban's, and Letchworth. Booking details:
www.prolifepilgrimage.org | 01858 571242 | 07779 122365

## 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.