St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

25th June 2023

SAT 24 Jun	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 25	10.00am	+ 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Maureen & John Martin RIP
	6.30pm		Tony Xuereb RIP
MON 26	10.00am	Feria	Nigel Coutinho (Int)
TUE 27	10.00am	St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr	Private Intention
WED 28	*No Mass*	St Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church & Martyr	
THU 29	**10.00am**	**+ SS PETER and PAUL, Apostles**	Stephen L. Collinson (Ints)
	6.30pm		Richard & Emma Westbrook RIP
FRI 30	6.30pm	Feria	Remo & Vera Bardi RIP
SAT 1 Jul	10.00am	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	Debbie McGrath RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		Fr Andrew Connick (12th anni.)
SUN 2 Jul	10.00am	+ 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	David, Jenny & Bob Minns 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

The 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:

Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Thursday 29th June

On Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul. They are the solid rocks on which the Church is built. God's Providence led them both to Rome, the heart of the Roman Empire. By the shedding of their blood, they established Rome instead as the heart of the Church.

Simon was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and was a fisherman with his brother Andrew. They were the first to be called by the Lord Jesus (Matthew 4:19). Simon was given the name Peter ('Cephas', meaning 'rock') by the Lord when he made him Prince of the Apostles and the foundation of the Church's unity (Matthew 16:18). After Pentecost, Peter spent about ten years in Jerusalem, before travelling to Rome to take charge of the Church there. He suffered martyrdom in the reign of the Emperor Nero, around 64AD. By Tradition, Peter was crucified upside down, because he felt unworthy to die as Jesus did. He was buried in a cemetery on the Vatican hill, over which the Basilica of St Peter is now built.

Saul was a Roman citizen, born in Tarsus (now in Turkey), and trained as a Pharisee under the renowned Rabbi Gamaliel. After Pentecost, Saul became one of the fiercest persecutors of the early Church, and was responsible in part for the martyrdom of St Stephen. He was struck blind by the Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus, after which he was converted to the Lord. He spent the rest of his life making missionary journeys to preach the Gospel and found local churches. He was eventually imprisoned. As a Roman citizen, he exercised his right to be tried by the Emperor himself in Rome, where he joined St Peter. St Paul was beheaded in the Via Ostia. Over his tomb the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls now stands.

Thursday is a holyday of obligation.

Welcome to Fr Christopher Clohessy

On Sunday, I leave for my summer break and then annual retreat. I am delighted that Fr Christopher Clohessy is coming again to supply during my absence. Fr Chris is a South African priest (Archdiocese of Cape Town) and a resident faculty member at the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies in Rome, and author of several books on Islam. He knows our diocese well, spending his summers here each year at Westminster Cathedral. Please make him welcome and ask his help if you need anything. Either Lucy or Jo will be in the office as usual. I return on Monday 24th July.

I shall keep you and your intentions in my prayers while away. God bless, 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.

July: For a Eucharistic life. Let us pray that Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic celebration, which transforms human relationships profoundly and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.

PARISH NOTICES

Thursday, Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Holyday of Obligation – Masses at 10am and 6.30pm. Also at English Martyrs, Prescott Street, at 1pm. There is a retiring collection on this day for Peter's Pence, the charitable fund distributed by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to those in need around the world. www.peterspence.va

Next newsletter: Sunday 30th July – No newsletters while Fr Andrew is away.

Livestreaming – Only Sunday 10am Mass will be livestreamed while Fr Andrew is away. The weekday Masses will not be streamed.

Sacred Heart Devotions for June – Thursdays, 7.30pm, during the Holy Hour.

Sunday 10am Back Chapel – A reminder to parents that you must supervise your children when in the Back Chapel with Angie during Sunday 10am Mass. Please intervene if your children become too noisy or boisterous. There is a happy balance to find here… it is beautiful to have so many young parishioners, and they are especially welcome, and we must also ensure that the noise and activity doesn't make it hard for people to pray at Mass.

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

English Martyrs Summer Fair, Sunday 16th July, 12noon-3pm – Raising funds for music and educational needs of the school. This is a community event being held at

the school. Stalls available for £10 with a table and £5 if you bring your own, for any local makers. Please contact Kim: 07762 908 332.

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

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 Tuesday 4th July, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 1st July, 11.00am (Caroline's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life – Next session, Wednesday 28th June, 7pm, in the Upper Room, Parish Centre.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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.