St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

17th September 2023

	SAT 16 Sep	6.30pm		Nora McHale-Paoletti (Ints)
	SUN 17	10.00am	+ 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
		6.30pm		Private Thanksgiving
	MON 18	10.00am	Feria	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP
	TUE 19	10.00am	Feria	Nora McHale-Paoletti (Ints)
	WED 20	*No Mass*	St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs	
	THU 21	6.30pm	ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist	Eugenia Toulon RIP
	FRI 22	6.30pm	Feria	Liam Condon RIP
	SAT 23	10.00am	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	Private Intention
		6.30pm		Vocations to the Priesthood
	SUN 24	10.00am	+ 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Private Intention
		6.30pm		People of the Parish

Masses marked are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat & Sun 6.00pm, and by appointment.

Church Open for Individual Prayer: Daily 7.00am-8.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sun 5.45-6.15pm. Tue-Fri 7.00-8.00pm.

The Rosary: Friday 7.00pm

Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri 7.15am **Evening Prayer:** Tue-Thu 7.00pm

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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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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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

September: For people living on the margins. Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

In 2013, the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* ("Joy of the Gospel"). In it, he encouraged the Christian faithful to "embark on a new chapter of evangelisation" marked by this joy, whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today's world.

> *"We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face… Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone."*
>
> Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium,* 14

You can read the whole Apostolic Exhortation online:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/07/evangelii-gaudium-EN.pdf

This is the challenge and opportunity we consider on this Sunday each year. The Holy Father has written a short message for this Sunday online:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/home-mission/evangelii-gaudium-sunday-2/pope-francis-message-2023/

THE DOGMATIC CONSTITUTIONS OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has produced a short video (2-3mins) on each of the four Dogmatic Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (on the Sacred Liturgy), *Lumen Gentium* (Light of the Nations), *Dei Verbum* (Word of God), *Gaudium et Spes* (the Church in the Modern World). These are the central fruits of the Council.

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/constitutions-of-vatican-ii/

PARISH NOTICES

Infant Baptism Preparation begins 8th October after 10am Mass, second session 22nd October. Register for infant baptism online: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/baptism

Copies of Cardinal Nichol's pastoral letter are available at the back of the church.

St Vincent de Paul Society – This weekend we welcome representatives from SVP to launch our new parish SVP group. SVP is an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need, rooted in prayer. Our new parish group will look at what needs there are in our local area and how we might help to meet them. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Parish Office.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday 23rd September – There are still a handful of spaces on the coach taking us to Walsingham next Saturday. Departure from St Patrick's at 7.30am. Return 7pm (approx.). Tickets: Adults £20, Children & OAPs £15. You can book your place online, or contact Jo in the Parish Office:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/events/walsingham/ | joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

Cake Sale in Support of Ukrainian Refugees, Sunday 24th September, 11am – The group that organised to host Ukrainian families here in Wapping, supported by our parish, is looking for donations of homemade cakes and savouries on Sunday 24th September and, in advance, volunteers to help with organising the event. Please include a list of ingredients in any donations of homemade food. Volunteers, please give your details to one of the stewards or to Fr Andrew, or email the parish office.

Advance Notice: Day Visit to Minster Abbey, Saturday 21st October. Minster Abbey is a monastery of Benedictine Nuns first founded in the 7th century. It is a beautiful setting and a chance to visit the Sisters, see something of their life, ask for their prayers, and support them. We will probably travel by train (direct from London Bridge to Minster). More details to follow.

Psalms: The School of Prayer – Our next Bible Timeline course. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us to pray. Discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Meeting on Mondays 7.00-8.30pm, beginning 9th October. To register:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/events/psalms-the-school-of-prayer/

Sunday Catechesis, beginning this Sunday 17th September, 11.00-11.30am – New Sunday catechesis after the morning Mass for children in years 2-6, led by Angie and Joan. In the Presbytery meeting room, accessed via the kitchen garden. This is a pre-requisite for First Confession and First Holy Communion programmes, and a particular help for those children not in a Catholic primary school. Tea and coffee for parents and parishioners in the Parish Centre.

New Altar Servers – Training for new altar servers Saturday 30th September, 10.30am. Children must have made their First Holy Communion to serve.

New and Existing Readers – We are looking for volunteers to read at the Sunday Masses. Please speak to Fr Andrew. Meeting for all new and existing readers on Sunday 1st October, 11.30am (after the Sunday 10am Mass).

New and Existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – If anyone is interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Andrew. Meeting for all new and existing ministers on Sunday 8th October, 11.30am (after the Sunday 10am Mass).

Donations for Parish Fair, Sunday 15th October – Our annual parish fair. We need:

- Donations of, cuddly toys/teddy bears (in new/good condition), children's books only, toys, and unwanted gifts (gifts you may have received that could be re-gifted). Please no DVDs or CDs, and no other bric-a-brac.
- Bottles for the bottle stand – alcoholic, or otherwise.
- Donations of homemade cakes/savouries baked items for the food stall.
- A couple of people to do some face painting (we will provide paint and brushes).
- Volunteers to help run the stalls.

Please contact Jo in the Parish Office, or email: joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

Interested in Catholic Faith or Adult Confirmation – This is for anyone who wants to know about Catholic faith (especially if you are not a Catholic already), and for adult Catholics who missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation for any reason. The group will begin on Thursdays in September. Please register your interest:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/wrcia

Certificates of Catholic Practice for secondary school admissions in September 2024. If you are at Mass over the weekend, please speak to Fr Andrew afterwards. The local authority deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. To request forms:

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/schools/ccp/

'Red Mass' for the Opening of the Legal Year, Westminster Cathedral, Monday 2nd October – Members of all of the legal professions – the judiciary, barristers, solicitors, sheriffs, coroners, legal executives, legal secretaries and law students – are welcome to attend. The Mass is open to the public. If lawyers wish to join the robed judicial procession into and out of the Cathedral, please contact the organisers of the ceremony, the Thomas More Society, as soon as possible:

secretary@thomasmoresociety.org.uk

REGULAR NOTICES

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

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 26th September, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 23rd September, 11am (Michelle/Naomi's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Tuesday Tea and Coffee – Every Tuesday after 10am Mass in the Presbytery.

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.