# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

8th October 2023

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| | **SAT 7 Oct** | 6.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| | **SUN 8** | 10.00am ▶ | + 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Mateusz & Michelle (Ints) |
| | | 6.30pm | | Robert Michael Watson RIP |
| | **MON 9** | 10.00am ▶ | ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest | Ibby & Edward Bidwell RIP |
| | **TUE 10** | 10.00am ▶ | Feria | Nora McHale-Paoletti (Ints) |
| | **WED 11** | *No Mass* | Feria | |
| | **THU 12** | 6.30pm ▶ | Feria | Denis Franey RIP |
| | **FRI 13** | 6.30pm ▶ | ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR | Fr Des O'Neill RIP (B'day) |
| | **SAT 14** | 10.00am ▶ | Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday | Maureen Ann Dunn RIP (B'day) |
| | | 6.30pm | | Nora McHale-Paoletti (Ints) |
| | **SUN 15** | 10.00am ▶ | + 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP |
| | | 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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## FR ANDREW WRITES:

### October – Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Many saints attest to the power of the Rosary. St Francis de Sales called it "the greatest method of praying". St Louis de Montfort said, "Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood." "How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening" said Pope St John Paul II. St Dominic: "One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world." Blessed Carlo Acutis described the Rosary as "the shortest ladder to go up to heaven." Saint Padre Pio said simply, "The Rosary is the Weapon".

At Lourdes, Our Blessed Mother herself encouraged St Bernadette to pray the Rosary. At Fatima, she asked the shepherd children to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.

The Rosary is a meditation on the life of Jesus and Mary. The repetition of the vocal prayers, the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be, is meant to quieten our minds and, as it becomes more familiar and more automatic, we are freed mentally to contemplate the important events in the life of the Lord Jesus and his Holy Mother.

It takes some time and effort to establish a practice of praying the Rosary. The prayers need to become familiar to enter deeply into the contemplative praying of the Rosary. There are lots of guides and tools to help you to pray the Rosary. This website is a good place to start:

https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/

Perhaps you could use this October to pray the Rosary each day for your needs and especially for peace. We pray the Rosary in the church on Friday evenings, 7pm, and we have a Rosary group in the parish who pray every evening remotely. Please email the Parish Office to join them.

Entrusting you all to the prayers and protection of Our Most Holy Mother, and with my best wishes for the week ahead, Fr Andrew.

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

**October: For the Synod.** Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries.

## PARISH NOTICES

**St Vincent de Paul Society** – Our new parish SVP group will provide practical assistance to people in need in Wapping. For more information and to register, please contact the Parish Office.

**Infant Baptism Preparation** begins this Sunday, 8th October, after 10am Mass; second session 22nd October. Register for infant baptism online:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/baptism

**Youth Catechesis** – Catechesis for young people in year 7 and above, to be held on Sunday afternoons before the 6.30pm evening Mass. Regular participants, in year 8 and above, will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation through this programme, when they are ready for it. Please register your interest:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/youthcatechesis

**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 travel by the direct train from London Bridge to Minster, leaving London Bridge at 8.38am, and returning on the train leaving Minster at 4.21pm. Please book your own train ticket. If driving, directions are online and there is parking next door in the Parkminster tearoom. Please also register online so we know you are coming:

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/events/minsterabbey/

**Donations for Parish Fair, next Sunday 15th October** – Our annual parish fair is next weekend. Thank you for the kind donations already received. **We are still *urgently* in need of**:

- 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. Volunteers to help run the stalls/face painting (paint etc provided).

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

**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/

**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 this Sunday 8th October, 11.30am (after the Sunday 10am Mass).

**CAFOD Kitchen Garden - New Season Honey** – There will not be any Kitchen Garden produce for sale this Sunday after morning Mass but there will be the following week at the Parish Fair. On sale also will be the first jars of this season's honey from our hives! Due to limited supply we have to restrict sale of honey to 2 jars per household. Price £10 a jar and a refund of £1 for each jar returned clean and label removed.

**St Patrick's Quiz Night –** Daniel Brennan, the quizmaster is back! Join us on Friday 24th November at 7.30pm for another great night and test your knowledge. Tickets are £5 per person and there is a maximum of 6 people per team. Please contact Jo in the Parish Office, or email: joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

**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/

## 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 10th October, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

**Church Cleaning** – Saturday 14th October, 8.30am (Michelle and Naomi's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

**Psalms: The School of Prayer** – First session Monday 9th October, 7pm, in the Presbytery.

**Sunday Catechesis** – Sundays for 30 minutes after 10am Mass. For all children in school years 2 to 6. In the Presbytery meeting room, accessed via the Kitchen Garden.

**Sunday Tea and Coffee** – Sundays after 10am Mass, in the Parish Centre.

**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.