St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

29th October 2023

SAT 28 Oct	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 29	10.00am ▶	+ 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Chungong 'Tah-Ndi 'Ndfornyen RIP
	6.30pm		Paris Family (Ints)
MON 30	10.00am ▶	Feria	Private Intention
TUE 31	10.00am ▶	Feria	Private Intention
WED 1 Nov	10.00am ▶	**+ ALL SAINTS**	R. & C. Kumar, & K. Aspell RIP
	6.30pm		Kumar and Aspell Families RIP
THU 2	10.00am ▶	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)	Private Intention
	6.30pm		K. & J. Aspell Sr. & Children RIP
FRI 3	6.30pm ▶	St Winifride, Virgin	Mr & Mrs F.A. Brassett RIP
SAT 4	10.00am ▶	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Mendes Family & Friends RIP
	6.30pm		Brian Keeley RIP Anni.
SUN 5	10.00am ▶	+ 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Biddy Sullivan RIP B'day
	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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FR ANDREW WRITES:

"Allhallowtide"

In the past, the beginning of November was known as "Allhallowtide" because of the three celebrations remembering the dead: All Hallows' Eve (31st October), All Hallows (1st November) and All Souls (2nd November). In old English the noun "*hallow"* means "*saint"*. It was once common in Catholic Europe to hold evening vigils with pious celebrations the night before a major feast, hence "All Hallows' Eve" or "Halloween".

There is nothing pagan in the origin of Halloween, as was later claimed. It was first celebrated in the eighth century as a Christian feast. The occult aspects (ghosts and demons) have their origin in Christianity, too. Christians believed that at certain times of year, like Halloween and Christmas, the veil separating earth from purgatory, heaven, and hell becomes thinner, allowing souls in purgatory (ghosts) and spirits of hell (demons) to be more readily seen. This was never a formal teaching of the Church.

Churches often displayed the bones and other relics of saints on Halloween for public veneration. There were other customs, too. In England, children begged door-to-door for "soul cakes", promising to pray for the donors' departed loved ones in purgatory. That is the origin of "trick or treating". Many of these different customs from around Europe coalesced in the United States and become modern Halloween traditions.

Nowadays, Halloween has become corrupted and commercialised, and has lost its Catholic roots. It was never a glorification of the occult. This modern aspect of Halloween is spiritually dangerous. It desensitises children to the existence of evil and normalises occult practices that can cause real harm. These three days of "Allhallowtide" should be a celebration that honours the saints in heaven, intercedes in prayer for the souls in purgatory, and rejoices in Christ's triumph over the Evil One.

Please remember that Wednesday, All Saints, is a holyday of obligation.

God bless you all. 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.

November: For the Pope. Let us pray for the Pope that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him.

PARISH NOTICES

Children's Advent Workshops – We are inviting the children of the parish to make a nativity scene to be placed outside the main entrance of the church, to give a little joy to passers-by and help them to connect with the real meaning of Christmas. Would your child like to help? We welcome young members of our parish to the following:

- Workshop 1: Making wire-sculptured figures. 12th November, 11.30-13.00, year 6 and upwards, in the Parish Centre.
- Workshop 2: Cutting, sticking and painting a collage of scenes from the Nativity stories. 19th November, 11.30-13.00, Reception-Year 5, in the Parish Centre.
- Workshop 3: Dressing the wire-sculptured figures. 26th November 11.30-13.00, year 6 and upwards, in the Parish Centre.

Please register online: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/adventworkshops

Outdoor Crib and Lanterns – Help Needed – We are looking for some volunteers to construct a crib to go outside the church in Advent, which will house the nativity scene being created by the children. Also, some lanterns which will decorate the church for Christmas. No need for any expertise in design or fabrication, just a willingness to be part of a hands-on project. The Men's Group are taking the lead in this, and will be available at Masses this weekend, but it is open to anyone in the parish.

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

November Book of the Dead – Please take a sheet this weekend and fill in the names of your departed loved ones, so they can be included in the intention at Mass each day in November. You can return your list, together with an offering for Mass if you wish, next weekend or at any time during November.

Next Weekend: Retiring Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund – There are more than 85 sick and retired priests supported by the Fund, costing £850,000 pa, and this number is set to double by 2025. Parish priests must offer their resignations at 75, though many continue to serve as long as they are able. They are dependent on us for their care, including for housing and health needs. Please support the collection next weekend. There are Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of church, to be returned next weekend. There will be details for donating online next weekend, too.

The Holy Land – You may be interested to read the pastoral letter of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, addressed to the Catholic communities in the Holy Land. Some of us met the Cardinal when we visited the Holy Land last year. His is a uniquely authentic voice in the midst of so much suffering:
https://www.lpj.org/posts/letter-to-the-entire-diocese.html

The Friends of the Holy Land charity are still able to get financial aid directly into Gaza, to the Catholic parish and to other agents they have on the ground, where the Christian communities are caring for thousands of Gazans and foreign nationals trapped there. You can donate to the Friends of the Holy Land online:
https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/Appeal/donate

Wapping Quilt Project – Community art project to introduce quilting, including embroidery, patchwork, sewing, lino printing on fabric. The completed quilt will be unveiled at the Wapping Christmas Fair and then displayed at Wapping Station. All materials and equipment provided and no experience required. Sessions on Wednesdays at Raine House, 12noon-2pm. £5 per session. There is a suggestion that a group from the parish might do something to include St Patrick's in the quilt. For more information please contact Amanda: turksheadcharity@gmail.com

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

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 8th November, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery. All welcome.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 4th November, 10.30am (Beryl's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Psalms: The School of Prayer – Session 4, Monday 6th November, 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. 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.

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.