

# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

<b>SAT 11 Nov</b>	6.30pm		People of the Parish
<b>SUN 12</b>	10.00am 	+ 32 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Remembrance Sunday)	William John Cooper RIP
	6.30pm		Nora McHale-Paoletti (Ints)
<b>MON 13</b>	10.00am 	Feria	Lynda Soltysiak RIP (B'day)
<b>TUE 14</b>	10.00am 	Feria	John Aspell RIP
<b>WED 15</b>	<i>No Mass</i>	Feria	
<b>THU 16</b>	6.30pm 	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop	Private Intention
<b>FRI 17</b>	6.30pm 	Feria	Patricia McKune (Ints)
<b>SAT 18</b>	10.00am 	Blessed Virgin Mary	Ravindra Kumar RIP
	6.30pm		Stefan Timofe RIP
<b>SUN 19</b>	10.00am 	+ 33 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Roland Paoletti RIP (Anni.)

Masses marked  are livestreamed on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/rcwapping](http://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:

### “Operation Elf”

Christmas can be a lonely and difficult time for children separated from parents. There is an additional stigma for those children with a parent in prison. These are three times more likely to struggle with mental health issues than other children. This year, through PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust), we are partnering with HMP Belmarsh and have pledged to give 100 Christmas gifts for children who have a parent in prison. The children range in age from new-born to 16 years.

The presents will be distributed at a family fun day run by PACT in conjunction with the prison. This year, for the first time, parents will be involved in the wrapping of the gifts donated for their children. Our tags, handmade kindly by one of our parishioners, will assist with that.

Gift tags with gender and age are hanging on the tree at the back of church. Please take a tag and choose an appropriate present for that child. Please return your gift by **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, for distribution at prison family days before Christmas.

Gifts should be no more than **£15** in value. Suggestions:

- Colouring books, toys, books, and creative playsets.
- Family board games.
- Baby gifts such as clothing, small soft toys, and winter accessories.
- Gift cards or vouchers for teenagers.

Unfortunately, due to prison security regulations, they cannot accept:

- Second hand or used items.
- Modelling clay or slime.
- Electronic or battery-operated toys.
- Anything edible.
- Toy guns or weapons.

In addition, **gifts must not be wrapped, as they will be inspected before entering the prison for security reasons.** Gift bags or carrier bags are fine. You can leave your gifts in the sack in the sacristy, or drop them with Lucy or Jo in the Parish Office.

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

### **THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION**

**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** – This weekend we are inviting the children of the parish to the first of our advent workshops, where they will help 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. This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 19<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30-13.00, Reception-Year 5, in the Parish Centre.
- Workshop 3: Dressing the wire-sculptured figures. 26<sup>th</sup> November 11.30-13.00, year 6 and upwards, in the Parish Centre. Please register online:  
<https://rcwapping.typeform.com/adventworkshops>

**“Mysteries of the Faith”** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, in the Upper Room (Parish Centre). We will show the third episode of the new Netflix documentary on Catholic relics, “Mysteries of the Faith”. There will be hot and cold refreshments and an opportunity to socialise. It is not necessary to have seen previous episodes to attend. All welcome! For more information/questions/directions, contact Flo:

[flo712@hotmail.com](mailto:flo712@hotmail.com)

**St Patrick's Quiz Night** – Daniel Brennan, the quizmaster is back! Join us on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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. There is no requirement to form a team in order to attend. Please contact Jo in the Parish Office or email:

[joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk)

**Pensioners' Christmas Party** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Free of charge. Please contact Jo in the Parish Office to reserve your place.

[joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk)

**Sick and Retired Priests' Fund** – Thank you for your generosity last weekend to the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. We will report the total collected next week. You can still donate using the envelopes at the back of the church. Please just put them in the usual collection or drop them at the Presbytery. Or donate online:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/sick-and-retired-priests-fund/>

**November Book of the Dead** – Please take a sheet 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, at any time during November.

**English Martyrs School** - Jack and the Beanstalk Panto will be arriving at English Martyrs Primary School, tickets on sale now for everyone in the community to come along to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2pm -3pm ( doors open 1.30pm) Family of 4 £25, Child £6, Adult £8 <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/englishmartyrspta/>

**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 primary school admissions in September 2024. If you are at Mass over the weekend, please speak to Fr Andrew afterwards. The local authority deadline for primary school applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January. To request forms:

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

### **DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**The Annual Report and Accounts** for the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust for 2022 have now been published. This is the charitable trust to which the majority of parishes in our diocese belong, including our own: <https://rcdow.org.uk/about-us>

### **REGULAR NOTICES**

**Please pray for the recently departed**, including: Sr John Baptist Florescu OSB.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> November, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

**Catholicism for the Curious** – Next session Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery. No session this week.

**Church Cleaning** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00am (Caroline's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

**Psalms: The School of Prayer** – Session 4, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, in the Presbytery. No meeting this coming Monday.

**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/](https://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](mailto:giftaid@rcdow.org.uk)

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### 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/](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/)

**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](mailto:turksheadcharity@gmail.com)

**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](http://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](http://www.calixsociety.org.uk) | 07762 570361 | [calixsjw@btinternet.com](mailto:calixsjw@btinternet.com)

**The St Katharine and Wapping Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel** has a website: [www.skw-wardpanel.org](http://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](http://www.owl.co.uk). As a local community, it is good for us to be connected together and to look out for each other.