St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

5th November 2023

SAT 4 Nov	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
MON 6	10.00am	Feria	Mr Cosmas O'Hanekwu RIP
TUE 7	10.00am	Feria	Kathleen Bridget Aspell RIP
WED 8	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 9	6.30pm	+ THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Kvetoslav Kir RIP
FRI 10	6.30pm	St Leo, the Great, Pope & Doctor	Marlene O'Hanekwu (B'day Ints)
SAT 11	10.00am ▶	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	Ravi and Chriss Kumar and Kathleen Aspell RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 12	10.00am ▶	+ 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	William John Cooper RIP
	6.30pm		Nora McHale-Paoletti (Ints)

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:

November: Month of the Holy Souls

In this month of November, we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. There are a few important things to bear mind when thinking about Purgatory:

- Everyone who dies in God's grace and friendship will one day enjoy heaven. Purgatory is not a destination. The spiritual encounter between the imperfect soul and the perfect holiness of Jesus Christ leads to a process of purification. We called the souls in Purgatory "holy" because they are guaranteed heaven one day. *(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030)*
- Sin makes Purgatory necessary. Sin leads to a breakdown of right relationship with God and with other people, and an unhealthy attachment to the things of the world. Even though God forgives sins (the most serious of which through the Sacrament of Reconciliation), we also need conversion to restore our broken relationships and correct our disordered attachments. If this conversion does not happen fully in this life, it is completed in Purgatory. *(CCC 1472)*
- The Holy Souls in Purgatory have only limited ability to help themselves, as they are "at rest" and their opportunity for concrete action is past. That means they benefit principally from the spiritual helps we offer for them.
- In the "Communion of Saints", those of us alive, on earth, are joined to the Holy Souls in Purgatory and to the saints in glory. The love between us, in the Body of Christ, allows us to communicate good to one another. The holiness of one can profit another. We can help the Holy Souls by prayer, fasting, holy works and by charity offered to God for their benefit. *(CCC 1475)*
- The greatest way we help the Holy Souls is by offering Holy Mass, joining them to the perfect self-offering made by Jesus Christ to his Father on the Cross.

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.

I'm away in Rome this week with the other diocesan Vocations Directors. My sincere thanks to Fr Duaine for holding down the fort in my absence. Please note that the weekday Masses won't be streamed this coming week. 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

This 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.

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

"Mysteries of the Faith" – Wednesday 8th November, 7.30pm, in the Upper Room (Parish Centre). We will show the second 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 the first episode to attend. All welcome! For more information/questions/directions, contact Flo: flo712@hotmail.com

Operation Elf - Christmas can be a lonely and difficult time for children separated from parents. Prisoners' children carry the additional stigma of a parent in prison and 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. Next weekend, you will be able to take a gift tag for a child and purchase them an age-appropriate gift (up to the value of £10). More information to come next weekend.

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. 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

English Martyrs PTA are organising a Christmas Fair to raise funds for music and educational needs of the school. This is a community event being held at English Martyrs School on Sunday 26th Nov from 12noon-4pm. There will be a special visit from Santa, kids craft area, local crafts for sale, a raffle, games and Elfridges!

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 15th January. 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.

200 Club - The 200 Club is back up and running. We have 12 draws a year. The numbers drawn for June: 11, 16, 41, 62; July: 34, 35, 10, 36. All winners have been notified. Thank you to everyone who is taking part in another year of the 200 Club.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo this Tuesday 8th November, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

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

Church Cleaning – Saturday 11th 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 13th 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/

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/

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

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.