

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

19th November 2023

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| SAT 18 Nov | 6.30pm | | Stefan Timofe RIP |
| SUN 19 | 10.00am  | + 33 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30pm | | Roland Paoletti RIP (Anni.) |
| MON 20 | 10.00am  | Feria | Patrick Aspell RIP |
| TUE 21 | 10.00am  | The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Private Intention |
| WED 22 | <i>No Mass</i> | St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr | |
| THU 23 | 6.30pm  | St Clement I, Pope & Martyr | John Sullivan RIP Anni. |
| FRI 24 | 6.30pm  | St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs | Franca Stone (B'day Ints) |
| SAT 25 | 10.00am  | Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday | Mary Christina Kumar RIP |
| | 6.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| SUN 26 | 10.00am  | + OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe | Adrian Tobin and Family RIP |
| | 6.30pm | | Keeley, Commons & Monehen Families RIP |

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: Sunday 5.45-6.15pm. Friday 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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In Residence: Fr Duaine Devereaux

Seminarian: Farvin Gonsalves

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PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

Events Coordinator: Joann Condon
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

“Synod on Synodality”

The Synod of Bishops concluded in Rome at the end of October. Its subject was “synodality”, or “journeying forward on the way together”, and was the culmination of a listening exercise undertaken throughout the Universal Church over the last two years. The Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark, was one of the delegates representing the Church in England and Wales. If you are interested in the Synod and what it means for the Church, he has written a helpful reflection. You can read it in full online:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/gxvc5oig/final-some-reflections-in-light-of-the-synod-on-synodality-archbishop-john-wilson.pdf>

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 – 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.

- 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>

“Operation Elf” – This is our partnership with PACT and HMP Belmarsh to supply 100 Christmas presents for children with a parent in prison. There are still a handful of gift tags (with gender and age) hanging on the tree at the back of church. Please take a tag and choose an appropriate present for that child. Please return your gifts by **next Sunday**, for distribution at prison family days before Christmas. Gifts should be no more than **£15** in value. Unfortunately, due to prison security regulations, they cannot accept second hand or used items, electronic or battery-operated toys, toy guns or weapons, modelling clay or slime, or anything edible. 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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will cease now Tuesday-Thursday for November and December. There will still be Exposition on Fridays 7-8pm and Sundays 5.45-6.15pm.

“Mysteries of the Faith” – Wednesday 22nd November, 7.30pm, in the Upper Room (Parish Centre). We will show the fourth 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

Praise and Worship – Saturday 2nd December, 7.30-8.30pm. After Mass that Saturday evening we will welcome The Cenacle to lead a holy hour of praise and worship, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. This is a great opportunity for uplifting prayer and song at the start of the Advent season. Refreshments will follow.

Pensioners’ Christmas Party – Thursday 7th 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

Sick and Retired Priests’ Fund – We raised £590 for the Sick and Retired Priests’ Fund. Thank you. You can still return envelopes if you have them. 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/>

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/>

English Martyrs' School Admissions 2024-25 – Small school tours for prospective parents, 9.30-11.00am on Fridays, 17th November to 12th January. No appointment necessary. For queries, please ring the school office: 020 7709 0182.

English Martyrs' School: Jack and the Beanstalk Panto – Tickets on sale now for everyone in the community. Sunday 3rd Dec , 2-3pm (doors open 1.30pm). Family of four £25, child £6, adult £8. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/englishmartyrspta/>

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

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 21st 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 25th November, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Psalms: The School of Prayer – Session 5, Monday 20th November, 7pm, 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

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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/

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.