

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster








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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year A) 26th November 2023

SAT 25 Nov	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 26	10.00am 	+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (Year A)	Adrian Tobin and Family RIP
	6.30pm		Keeley, Commons & Monehen Families RIP
MON 27	10.00am 	Feria	Mary Knight RIP
TUE 28	10.00am 	Feria	Andrew Aspell RIP
WED 29	No Mass	Feria	
THU 30	6.30pm 	ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	James Aspell RIP
FRI 1 Dec	6.30pm 	Feria	Barbara Hoareau RIP (B'Day)
SAT 2	10.00am 	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 3	10.00am 	+ 1 st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)	Eileen Hart RIP (Anni.)
	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: 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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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today is the last Sunday in the Church's year, honouring our Saviour, Jesus Christ, under the awesome title "King of the Universe".

This feast is relatively recent; Pope Pius XI instituted it in 1925 in the aftermath of the First World War, and in response to the rise of new secular and totalitarian regimes in Europe, Russia, and Mexico, in which religious liberty was violently denied and the Church suppressed. In his encyclical letter *Quas primas*, establishing the feast, he gave warning that any attempt to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continued discord among people and nations. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind".

The pope explained that the kingship of Christ is rooted in the Incarnation. The Second Person of the Trinity united himself to human nature in the womb of Mary, such that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man. We call this "the hypostatic union". The pope said, "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures."

For us, individually, this means:

"He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.'" (Pope Pius XI, Quas primas, 33).

Next Sunday we begin a new year in the Church with the liturgical season of Advent.

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.

December: For people with disabilities. Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusion programmes that value their active participation.

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 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” Please leave your gifts in the sack in the sacristy, or drop them with Lucy or Jo in the Parish Office.

Wapping Posada Mary and Joseph will be on their way around different homes in our parish. Beginning on 17th December and arriving back in the church in time for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. Can you welcome Mary, Joseph and their donkey on their way to Bethlehem? This is a lovely way to prepare for Christmas, for children and adults alike. For more information and to register:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/posada/>

Advent Carol Service - Sunday 17th December, 7.30pm. If the weather is fine, we will be singing Christmas carols by firelight in the playground, with hot mulled wine and mince pies. That evening the new outdoor crib, created by the children of the parish, will be blessed and lit. Please save the date.

St Patrick's Honey – There will be an opportunity after each of the Masses on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December to buy our honey; also after the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December. £10 a jar and all proceeds to CAFOD, supporting the poorest.

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

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.

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>

CAFOD Advent Carol Service Wednesday 13th December 7-8pm. St James RC Church, Spanish Place, 22 George St, W1U 3QY. Nearest tube Bond St. Free Admission.

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 5th December, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session Thursday 30th Nov, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 2nd December, 10.30am (Beryl's team).

Psalms: The School of Prayer – Session 6, Monday 27th 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

Volunteers for Church Cleaning – We are in desperate need of volunteers to bolster the numbers in our church cleaning teams. There are three teams at present, so the commitment is an hour once every three weeks on a Saturday morning. The teams meet at 8.30am, 10.30am and 11.00am, so there is some flexibility. Cleaning involves light duties: hoovering and sweeping mainly. It is also a good chance to socialise with other parishioners. Please speak to one of the stewards after Mass or email Beryl:

beryl.israel@hotmail.com

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.