

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

3rd December 2023

SAT 2 Dec	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
MON 4	10.00am 	Advent Feria	Christopher Black RIP
TUE 5	10.00am 	Advent Feria	Nora McHale-Paoletti (Int)
WED 6	<i>No Mass</i>	St Nicholas, Bishop	
THU 7	<u>10.00am</u> 	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	Private Intention
FRI 8	6.30pm 	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Kathleen Bridget Aspell RIP
SAT 9	10.00am 	Advent Feria	Linda Helm RIP (B'day)
	6.30pm		Margie Commons RIP
SUN 10	10.00am 	+ 2 nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Alan Jennings RIP (B'day)

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: Monday-Friday 7.15am.



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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
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Events Coordinator: Joann Condon
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Advent is upon us once again. The name comes from *adventus*, Latin for 'coming' or 'arrival', but it is only from 17th December onwards that our attention is directed towards the anniversary of the birth of the Lord Jesus in Bethlehem. The first half of Advent picks up the theme from the previous few Sundays: the Second Coming of Jesus Christ at the end of the world. So, we prepare ourselves during Advent not only for a worthy celebration of the Lord's first coming at Christmas, but also to make ourselves ready for his second coming as judge.

Of course, in preparing ourselves in this way, we are also making our souls into fitting abodes for the Redeemer who comes to us in Holy Communion and through grace.

The season of Advent is not primarily penitential, like Lent, but is marked nonetheless by simplicity and a certain sobriety: we use purple vestments, like Lent; we tend not to decorate the church with flowers; the music is quieter and we refrain from singing the Gloria. The only notable decoration is the Advent wreath, a custom we adopted from German Lutherans in the sixteenth century.

This is also the first day of a new year in the life of the Church, and a new journey through the events in the life of the Lord Jesus. This is year B in the Sunday cycle of readings, in which we predominantly read from the Gospel of Mark at Sunday Mass.

Lucy, Jo, and the Parish Office

Lucy is our Parish Secretary and Jo our Events Coordinator. They both work part-time for the parish. A request, please, not to contact them about parish business on their private numbers or home email, even when you know them outside of their work for the parish. I have instructed them both to ignore any requests about parish matters made to their personal contacts. I am sure you understand my insistence about this.

These are the right ways to contact Lucy and Jo about parish matters:

Parish Office:	020 7481 2202 (option 2)
Lucy (Parish Secretary):	lucyknight@rcdow.org.uk
Jo (Events Coordinator):	joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

They will respond to requests when they are in the Parish Office, and that may not be immediate. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I'm away Tuesday-Friday this week visiting our seminarians in Valladolid, Spain. Thanks to Fr Duaine for looking after things here. God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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

Change of Mass Time on Thursday: 10am (rather than 6.30pm).

Thank you to all who came and participated in our parish quiz night last Friday, the evening was great fun for all and £556.50 was raised for the parish. On behalf of all those who enjoyed themselves so thoroughly, particular thanks to Jo and Daniel.

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 this weekend 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.

Pensioners' Christmas Party – This Thursday 7th December, 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Free of charge. This is always a fabulous event so please contact Jo in the Parish Office to reserve your place.

joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

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.

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 19th December, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session Thursday 7th Dec, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 9th December, 11am (Caroline's team).

Psalms: The School of Prayer – Session 7, Monday 11th December, 7pm, 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.

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.