St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7th January 2024

SAT 6 Jan	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 7	10.00am	**+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**	Therese & Hannah (Ints)
	6.30pm		Denis Franey RIP
MON 8	10.00am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Alex Steven Steckly RIP
TUE 9	10.00am	Feria, First Week in Ordinary Time	Bill Delay RIP Anni.
WED 10	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 11	6.30pm	Feria	Private Intention
FRI 12	6.30pm	Feria	Private Intention
SAT 13	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Conrad Rebeiro RIP
	6.30pm		Anne & David Driscoll RIP Anni.
SUN 14	10.00am	+ 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Browne Family (Ints)
	6.30pm		Fr Jose Hernandez Schafler 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.

Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri 7.00am **Evening Prayer:** Thu 7.00pm

The Rosary: Friday 7.00pm.

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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In Residence: Fr Duaine Devereaux

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Farewell to Fr Duaine

Three months have come and gone, and it's time to bid farewell to Fr Duaine Devereaux. He will return to Canada on Thursday to continue his sabbatical. His stay in Wapping has been a real pleasure. I am sure you will agree that his warmth and good humour will be sorely missed. Please pray for him, that the remainder of his sabbatical will be fruitful, and for the discernment of his bishop as he appoints him to a new ministry in the summer.

We will have a retiring collection at the Masses this weekend for a gift for Fr Duaine. You can also use the card machines. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome Devon

This weekend, we welcome Devon Petrie, a first-year seminarian for our diocese in formation for priesthood at the Royal College of St Alban in Valladolid, Spain. Devon will be here for January and will stay in the Presbytery, working at the Jesuit Refugee Service during the week and in the parish at weekends. Please make him welcome.

We still have Farvin Gonsalves on placement with us at the weekends, too. He has exams at the moment, and will be with us again I think from next weekend. I am fortunate to have so much help!

The Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, a day later than usual. In England and Wales, when a solemnity falls on Saturday or Monday, its observance is transferred to the Sunday. Christ was born quietly; the first witnesses were simple shepherds. The Epiphany recalls the visit of the Magi, or Wise Men, representing the nations of the world recognising the birth of Christ and doing him homage.

This feast is associated with many traditions of popular piety around the world. One such is the blessing of homes through the intercession of the Wise Men, using blessed chalk. We shall bless chalk at the end of the Epiphany Masses for you to take home.

At home, use the chalk to make an inscription above your front door, to entrust your home to God's protection for the new year and ask his blessing for all who enter:

$$20 + C + M + B + 24$$

The number designates the year, while 'CMB' stands for the traditional names of the wise men – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and also the prayer '*Christus mansionem benedicat*' which means 'May Christ bless this home'. You might use this prayer:

℣. Peace be to this house. ℟. **And all who dwell here.**

The three Wise Kings, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, followed a star to find the Christ Child, who was born two thousand and twenty-three years ago.

(Write 20+C+M+B+24 above the door)

Visit, O blessed Lord, our home with the gladness of your presence.
Bless it and all who live or visit here with the gift of your love;
and grant that we may show your love to each other
and all whose lives we touch.
Lord Jesus Christ, be with us now and for ever. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, on Monday, the Christmas season comes to an end for another year.

My thanks, once again, for all your generosity over the Christmas celebrations, in every way. Welcome back to those who have been away. God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

Weekly Wednesday Film and Conversation Nights – We are launching new, weekly sessions for parishioners to deepen their faith and socialise. The sessions will run every Wednesday through the year and will consist of a 30-45 minute video and discussion. Attendance is free and there is no need to register – come when you can! Beginning this Wednesday, 10th January, at 7.30pm in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street), we will be watching episodes of "The Chosen" – a historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Snacks are provided. Everyone is welcome.

Old Palm Branches – There will be a box for old palm branches (from previous Palm Sundays) at the back of church from next weekend. These are burnt to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Blessed items should never be thrown away, but burnt or buried. If you prefer to keep them, that is fine!

Operation Elf – We received a letter thanking you for your generosity supporting dads in HMP Belmarsh and their children at Christmas. One of the fathers wrote: "It was a surprise and a blessed gesture to have gifts for my children. Thank you from my heart."

Parish Centre Heating – We have commissioned a feasibility study about replacing the antiquated oil boiler in the Parish Centre. The study is costing £1800. Implementing a modern, low-carbon, low-cost heating system is something for the future, as it will require expensive works to insulate the building. For now, it is most likely that we will install a gas boiler, including independent heating of the rooms in the building. This should mean some energy and carbon savings. Budget costs and more to follow.

Fr Victor Camilleri OFM – Some of you will know Fr Victor Camilleri, who served the Maltese community for over 50 years, and supplied in the parishes in Tower Hamlets through much of that time. Fr Victor has now retired from ministry due to ill health. We will always be grateful for his support and presence. Please remember him prayer.

Funeral Mass for the late Beatrice Bourke, Tuesday 30th January, 11am. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

REGULAR NOTICES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Joseph Célestin, Ann Sullivan, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen Franey.

And for the recently deceased, including: Beatrice Bourke.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 16th January, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session Thursday 11th January, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 13th January, 10.30am (Beryl's team).

Psalms: The School of Prayer – Session 9, Monday 8th January, 7pm, Presbytery.

Rosary Group – Meets in church, Fridays 7pm; also daily Rosary at home via WhatsApp. Prayer for the intentions of the Church, parish and all parishioners.

Sunday Catechesis – Will resume on Sunday 14th January.

Sunday Tea and Coffee – Sundays after 10am Mass, in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday Tea and Coffee – Every Tuesday after 10am Mass in the Presbytery.

Wednesday Sessions – Wednesdays 7.30pm, Upper Room (Parish Centre). Watching "The Chosen", friendship, discussion, refreshments. All welcome.

Youth Catechesis – For years 7-13, including preparation for Confirmation. Sundays 5pm, beginning 14th January, in the Upper Room. Please speak to Fr Andrew.

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

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/

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.