

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

21st January 2024

SAT 20 Jan	6.30pm		Ravindra (Ravi) Kumar RIP
SUN 21	10.00am 	+ 3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	James Aspell RIP
	6.30pm		Anthony Walsh
MON 22	10.00am 	Feria	Jan Van Leuven RIP Anni.
TUE 23	10.00am 	Feria	Private Intention
WED 24	No Mass	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	
THU 25	6.30pm 	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	Ravi & Chriss Kumar RIP
FRI 26	<u>10.00am</u> 	Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops	Deceased of Paris Family
SAT 27	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary	James Robson RIP
	6.30pm 		People of the Parish
SUN 28	10.00am 	+ 4 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
	6.30pm		Kathleen Bridget Aspell 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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SEMINARIAN DEVON WRITES:

While Fr Andrew is away for his post-Christmas break, he asked me to write this week's newsletter highlighting formation for priesthood and vocations. Firstly, we need to understand what formation means; the goal of priestly formation is to form missionary disciples so that they are ready for consecration as shepherds for God's People, sharing in the authority of Christ the Redeemer, who sent the Apostles to preach and to heal. Furthermore, formation is, first and foremost, cooperation with the grace of God. Being called to serve the Lord and a community is unique for each individual because every person is called in different ways. Especially depending on the individual's preferences can influence whether the person hears the call and how they may derive this calling.

That being said, once a seminarian is accepted by the diocese and accepted to a seminary, formation begins quickly. There are four dimensions of formation that each seminarian must form throughout their studies. Firstly, **human formation**, in which the foundation is laid for the other dimensions. It is important as priests must remain human and close to Jesus' humanity. Secondly, **spiritual formation**, by which the seminarian learns to bring everything from the other dimensions into his relationship with Jesus Christ. Therefore, creating a stronger relationship with Jesus. Thirdly, **intellectual formation** allows the seminarian to have a deeper understanding of the truths of faith and the human person, enriching his relationship with God. Thus understanding of himself, and his service to others, allowing himself to have a deep understanding of human and divine wisdom by studying the Word made flesh. Finally, in **pastoral formation**, the seminarian learns how to express the other three dimensions in pastoral charity, the overall goal of priestly formation. More so allowing emulation of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd and serving others.

However, as Pope Francis says "each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration; in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now". As Jesus always did what was pleasing to the Father, and always living in perfect communion with him. Likewise, as his disciples, we are invited to live in the sight of the Father in order to become perfect like our heavenly Father. Thus, following Christ and united with him, we can strive to be imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love by conforming our thoughts, words and actions, which is in Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is at the centre to this calling, whether we are called to priesthood or vocations, and it represents Christ's gift of himself to us. Therefore, through the imitation of the Lord's love and primacy of grace we conform our minds and hearts to the Lord, as we follow his example. In essence, we are invited to participate in a life of intimacy, an opportunity to partake in the being and life of God.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

January: For the gift of diversity in the church. Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

PARISH NOTICES

Change to Mass Time: Friday 10am, rather than 6.30pm.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation – Preparation of children for these sacraments will begin with a parents' session next Sunday, 28th January, 11.30am. Parents will be invited to join from our Sunday Catechesis group. If you have a child in years 2 to 6, please do join the usual Sunday Catechesis, after 10am Mass on Sundays in the Meeting Room (accessed via the Kitchen Garden).

Weekly Wednesday Film and Conversation Nights – The Parish has launched 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 followed by discussion. Refreshments are provided. Attendance is free and there is no need to register or attend every week– come when you can! We are currently watching episodes of “The Chosen” – a historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, seen through the eyes of those who knew him - followed by a chance to reflect, chat, and socialise. The next session will be this Wednesday, 24th January, at 7.30pm in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). 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!

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 30th January, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session Thursday 25th January, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 27th January, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi's team).

Psalms: The School of Prayer – Session 10, Monday 22nd 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 – 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.

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, 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

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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!

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.

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

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.