

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

28th January 2024

SAT 27 Jan	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
MON 29	10.00am 	Feria	Private Intention
TUE 30	10.00am 	Feria	Kathleen Bridget Aspell RIP B'day
	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Beatrice Bourke RIP	
WED 31	No Mass	St John Bosco, Priest	
THU 1	6.30pm 	Feria	Private Intention
FRI 2	6.30pm 	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Private Intention
SAT 3	10.00am	St Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury	Michael and Iona Reid RIP
	6.30pm 		Private Intention
SUN 4	10.00am 	+ 5 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Ines Silva 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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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.

February: For the Terminally Ill. Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

FR ANDREW WRITES:

Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. We recognise that we are all children of God, with inalienable dignity, regardless of race and background. We are asked to pray for an end to suffering caused by racism.

This year, the Bishops' Conference has compiled biographies called "Saints of Colour", celebrating the many saints, of many ethnicities, who now reign in glory and whom we can ask for prayer and guidance.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/saints-of-colour/>

Friday 2nd February: The Presentation of the Lord

The 2nd February is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Although we have returned to Ordinary Time, this is really still a feast of Christmas. In many parts of the world, the Nativity Crib remains until this day. We heard the account of the presentation in the Gospel on 31st December past.

Under the Law of Moses, forty days after childbirth a mother was required to present herself to the priests in the Temple and offer sacrifice for purification. Of course, the Mother of God was in no need of purification, but she and her husband did not hold themselves above the Law. On the day of her purification, the Lord Jesus was also presented in the Temple and consecrated to the Lord. This was like another Epiphany, another revealing of the Son of God, this time to the priests of the Jewish religion. Friday, 2nd February, is forty days after Christmas Day.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelit procession for this feast. Later, the blessing and distribution of candles became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

The Mass on Friday evening will begin with the blessing of candles.

Saturday 3rd February: Memorial of St Blaise

St Blaise was a doctor in Sebastea, Armenia, in the 3rd century, who came to faith in Christ, was baptised and eventually became a bishop. He lived a life of great virtue and holiness, and people came to him from far afield to be cured both physically and spiritually. In persecutions ordered by the Emperor Licinius, in 316, Blaise was arrested, scourged, and beheaded.

In one report of his arrest, a distraught mother brought her son to him, who was choking on a fishbone, and begged his help. He prayed and the child was saved. As such, he is patron saint for protection against illnesses of the throat. From the 8th century, a custom developed of blessing throats through the intercession of St Blaise using candles from the feast of Candlemas (the day before).

Oddly, in this country, the Mass of St Blaise is not celebrated. Instead, we have a diocesan feast of three archbishops of Canterbury: Laurence, Dunstan, and Theodore. Nonetheless, after Mass on Saturday morning I will give the St Blaise blessing of throats to anyone who wishes.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

Funeral for the late Beatrice Bourke. Reception into Church on Monday 29th January, 4pm; Requiem Mass on Tuesday 30th January, 11am. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation – Preparation of children for these sacraments will begin this Sunday 28th January with a parents' Introductory session at 11.30am in the church. 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 – Join us for a short, 30-45 minute video followed by discussion every Wednesday in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). The next session will be this Wednesday, 31st January, 7.30pm. 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. Refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome!

New shared Christian bookshelf – A new shared Christian bookshelf has been started in the Upper Room. If you have any books (or CDs, or DVDs) related to our faith (theology, bible commentaries, spirituality, life of the saints, etc.) you would like to donate and share for others to read, please leave them on the shelf in the Upper Room or in the Sacristy after Mass. The books are there to be borrowed, so help yourselves whenever you come to the Upper Room.

Certificates of Catholic Practice for nursery admissions in September 2022. Please complete this online form to request the Certificate of Catholic Practice (and other similar references) required for school admissions.

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

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 1st February, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 3rd February, 10.30am (Beryl's team).

Film and Conversation Nights – Wednesdays 7.30pm, Upper Room (Parish Centre). Watching "The Chosen", friendship, discussion, refreshments. All welcome.

Psalms: The School of Prayer – Session 10, Monday 29th 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.

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:

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.