

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

11th February 2024

SAT 10 Feb	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 11	10.00am 	+ 6 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Martin Hoy RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 12	10.00am 	Feria	Frank Brassett RIP (B'day)
TUE 13	10.00am 	Feria	Agatha Victorine Lawrence RIP Anni.
WED 14	<u>10.00am</u> 	ASH WEDNESDAY	Private Intention
	<u>6.30pm</u>		James Kelly RIP Anni.
THU 15	6.30pm 	Lent Feria	Vocations to the Priesthood
FRI 16	6.30pm 	Lent Feria	Dora Israel RIP (B'day)
SAT 17	10.00am 	Lent Feria	John Facer RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 18	10.00am 	+ 1 st SUNDAY OF LENT	Paola Miola RIP
	6.30pm		Donatella e Salvatore Ledda (Ints)

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

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7.00pm.



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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Season of Lent

Lent begins this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Please spend some time considering your three Lenten resolutions. They are meant to be opportunities for God's grace to detach us from our worldly addictions and to remind us that we belong to Christ and not to the world.

- **Fast** (give something up) to detach yourself from food and other worldly pleasures.
- **Alms** (charitable giving) to detach you from money and possessions and grow in solidarity with the poor.
- **Prayer** to detach you from ego and pride.

Whatever you choose, the idea is not to be miserable! Our resolutions are meant to restore the joy and freedom we have in Christ Jesus.

Mass on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 10am and 6.30pm.

A reminder, too, that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. We abstain from meat (and maybe alcohol and other pleasures) and we also fast (those who are able), perhaps eating only a single simple meal in the day.

During Lent our celebration of Mass assumes a more sombre character. There is less singing, no Gloria, no flowers in church (please don't bring any) and we refrain from singing or saying "Alleluia". Later in Lent you will see the statues veiled, too.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

This year the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes isn't celebrated because it falls on Sunday, and the Sunday liturgy takes precedence. Nonetheless, recalling Our Lady's command to St Bernadette that the sick should be brought to Lourdes, we mark Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We remember in prayer everyone who is sick, particularly here in our own parish.

It is a good opportunity to remind you of the importance of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament is available for anyone who begins to be in danger of death through sickness or old age. It is a sacrament of healing, and not only for the point of death. Please do not leave it until it is too late.

If you are ever in hospital, inform the nursing staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like your details to be passed to the Roman Catholic Chaplain.

I wish you all God's blessing for the week ahead. Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Mass with the imposition of ashes will be at 10.00am and 6.30pm.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays in Lent, 7.00pm (after the evening Mass).

Lenten Alms (Jesuit Refugee Service) – As usual, our parish is nominating the Jesuit Refugee Service, based here in Wapping, as the recipient of our Lenten almsgiving. In Lent we fast, pray and give alms. You may have your own almsgiving project in mind, but if not, the money box nearest the sacristy door is for Lenten alms donations. More information about the work of JRS: jrsuk.net

Parish Synod Meeting – For our diocese to contribute to the next stage of the Synod of Bishops, our archbishop, Cardinal Nichols, asks parishes to meet and to reflect on a few simple questions about how our own parish is living out the Church's mission. We will meet on **Sunday 18th February, 11.15am** (after the morning Mass) in the parish centre. Please do come and contribute.

Baptism Preparation for Parents – The next Baptism preparation sessions will take place on Sundays 18th and 25th February, after the 10am Mass. Please register online if you have a child for baptism: <http://rcwapping.typeform.com/baptism>

Weekly Wednesday Film and Conversation Nights – Join us for a short, 30-45 minute video followed by discussion every Wednesday from 7.30pm in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). There will be no session on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. Sessions will resume on Wednesday, 21st February with a new programme for Lent. More information next week.

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 (and other similar references) for nursery admissions in September 2024. Please complete the online form:

<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.

200 Club Draw – January’s winning numbers: 26, 9, 5, 14. Winners have been notified.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo this Tuesday 13th February, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session Thursday 15th February, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 17th February, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi’s team).

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

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – Next session Sunday 25th February 11.30am. Children in the Upper Room. Parents in the Presbytery.

Rosary Group – 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 (term-time only). In the Presbytery meeting room, accessed via the Kitchen Garden. Resumes on Sunday 25th February (after half-term).

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, (term-time only) in the Upper Room. Please speak to Fr Andrew. Resumes on Sunday 25th February (after half-term).

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 McEnergy 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.