

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

25th February 2024

SAT 24 Feb	6.30pm		Helen Jennings RIP (B'day)
SUN 25	10.00am 	+ 2 nd SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Paris Family (Ints)
MON 26	10.00am 	Lent Feria	Private Intention
TUE 27	10.00am 	Lent Feria	Lynn Ray (Ints)
WED 28	No Mass	Lent Feria	
THU 29	6.30pm 	Lent Feria	Dave & Diane Roberts (B'day)
FRI 1 Mar	6.30pm 	ST DAVID, Bishop & Patron of Wales	Ruby Fernandez RIP
SAT 2	10.00am 	Lent Feria	Diego Prandini RIP
	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 3	10.00am 	+ 3 rd SUNDAY OF LENT	Anne Koszul RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

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 7.15am **Evening Prayer:** Thu 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7.00pm.



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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.

March: For the Martyrs of Our Day, Witnesses to Christ. Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

FR ANDREW WRITES:

One important part of our individual preparation in Lent is to make Confession. I will be available on the Fridays in Lent, after Stations of the Cross, 7.30-8.00pm, 1st and 8th March, and any Saturday or Sunday 6pm. You can also ask me after Mass any day, or contact me to arrange another time. Please don't worry if it's been a long time.

First, it is important to prepare by making an Examination of Conscience. A simple version is on the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/confession/>

Then, this is a reminder of the rite itself:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bless me, father, for I have sinned. It has been (*how long?*) since my last Confession. I am single/married. These are my sins...

*Name your sins clearly and briefly. When you are finished, indicate to the priest by the following or similar: **For these and all my sins I am truly sorry.***

Listen to the counsel the priest gives. He will give you a penance to perform later. Next, he will ask you to make an "Act of Contrition" (this is one version):

O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His Name, O Lord, have mercy.

*The priest will say the prayer of absolution. At the words "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father..." make the sign of the Cross. Then the priest will dismiss you with a short prayer. The response is: **Thanks be to God.***

If your Lent has not begun as well as you had hoped, don't worry! There are still four weeks to go. May the Lord bless each of you in this week ahead, Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you to those who contributed reflections on the questions set by the Synod of Bishops. Fr Andrew needs responses by next Sunday for the parish response.

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. The money box nearest the sacristy door is for Lenten alms donations.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Retiring Collection – Friday past was CAFOD Lent Fast Day, on which we are asked to fast in solidarity with the poor, and help them by donating what we have saved by our fast. The retiring collection is for CAFOD, our national, Catholic, overseas aid agency. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church for adding Gift Aid to any cash donations. You can donate using the card machines but, unfortunately, it is not possible to Gift Aid card donations. You can also donate to CAFOD directly online. Thank you for your generosity. <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

Baptism Preparation for Parents – The next Baptism preparation sessions will take place on Sundays 25th February and 3rd March, 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). We are currently watching 'Metanoia', a 10-week programme filmed in locations in the Holy Land. The next session will be on Wednesday 28th February and is entitled "What must I do to inherit eternal life?". It addresses the importance of following Jesus as the way to heaven and inheriting the Kingdom of God. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions, everyone is welcome!

Monthly Parish Movie Nights – From March onwards, monthly film screenings will be organised on Saturday nights, in the Upper Room. We will start on Saturday 9th March, 8pm, showing 'Bernadette', a 1988 film directed by Jean Delannoy, which depicts the story of Bernadette Soubirous (St Bernadette) when Our Lady appeared to her in Lourdes in 1858, and the impact it had on her and her community. This is the film that was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes. Free entry (donations welcome to help cover the cost of the copyright licence), bring your own snacks and drinks. More information on the notice board in the church entrance.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Annual Mass for Matrimony, Saturday 25th May, 2.30pm, Westminster Cathedral – The Cardinal will celebrate this Mass for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries: 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. If you are celebrating an anniversary this year, please give your full names, date of Catholic marriage, and home address to Fr Andrew.

Vocations Days: 'Come and See', Saturday 16th March, 10am-2pm – For men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate. Held at Vaughan House (behind Westminster Cathedral), 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days:

Priesthood: Canon Roger Taylor vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk

Permanent Diaconate: Deacon Adrian Cullen adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk | 07961 594725

REGULAR NOTICES

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

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 27th February, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session Thursday 29th February, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 2nd March, 11am (Caroline's team).

Film and Conversation Nights – Wednesdays 7.30pm, Upper Room (Parish Centre). Watching and discussing "Metanoia". Friendship, discussion, refreshments.

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

Parish Movie Nights – Monthly film screenings, usually the 2nd Saturday of the month, Upper Room. Free entry (donations welcome), bring your own snacks and drinks.

Rosary Group – Daily Rosary at home via WhatsApp. Prayer for the intentions of the Church, parish and all parishioners.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Providing practical support to members of our community. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

Sunday Catechesis – For children in school years 2 to 6. Every Sunday (term-time) for 30mins after 10am Mass, 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. Every Sunday (term-time), 5pm, in the Upper Room. Speak to Fr Andrew to join.

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.