

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Laetare Sunday (Year B)

10th March 2024

SAT 9 Mar	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 10	10.00am 	+ 4 th SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)	Mary Christina Kumar & Kathleen Bridget Aspell RIP
	6.30pm		Sheniz Ildeniz RIP (B'day)
MON 11	10.00am 	Lent Feria	Lynn Ray (Ints)
TUE 12	10.00am 	Lent Feria	Biddy Sullivan RIP
WED 13	<i>No Mass</i>	Lent Feria	
THU 14	6.30pm 	Lent Feria	Remo Bardi RIP
FRI 15	<u>10.00am</u> 	Lent Feria	Mona Pinto RIP (B'day)
SAT 16	10.00am	Lent Feria	<i>No morning Mass</i>
	6.30pm		Anselm Lawrence RIP (B'day)
SUN 17	10.00am 	+ 5 th SUNDAY OF LENT	Kumar & Aspell Families (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

Masses marked  are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fri 7.30pm, Sat & Sun 6.00pm.

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: None this week. Friday 22nd March 7.00pm.



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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Laetare Sunday (and Mothering Sunday)

This Fourth Sunday of Lent takes its name from the Latin of the entrance antiphon for Mass: Rejoice, O Jerusalem! "*Lætare, Ierusalem*". We have just passed the midpoint of Lent, and this is marked by a relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten season. In church, just for a day, flowers may be used for decoration, the organ may be played more fully, and the usual Lenten purple is replaced with rose pink.

Outside of church, there is a relaxation of the usual Lenten fasting. In England, a Medieval tradition anticipated Easter with simnel cake, a light fruitcake with layers of marzipan and eleven marzipan balls for the eleven apostles (no Judas Iscariot!).

Also connected with Laetare Sunday in the British Isles is Mothering Sunday. From the Middle Ages, this Sunday you would visit your "mother church", meaning the church in which you were baptised and raised, and visit family at home and celebrate. Our modern Mothering Sunday celebration comes from this tradition.

We give thanks to God today and ask his blessing on our mothers, and on those who have taken on the role of mother in our lives. But this is also a difficult day for some. We hold before the Lord the souls of our mothers who have died, and we ask his blessing on those who have a painful and unfulfilled longing to be mothers.

Selection Advisory Conference

This coming weekend is the annual Selection Advisory Conference at Allen Hall Seminary. It's the penultimate step for those applying this year to enter seminary and begin formation for the priesthood. Candidates are interviewed by a panel comprised of priests and lay men and women, drawn from across the diocese, who make recommendations to the Cardinal. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the candidates and selectors. I am responsible for this process, as Vocations Director, and shall be away next weekend. My thanks to Frs Irvin and Crescent for supplying.

Entrusting you all to Mother Mary this week, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Changes to Mass this Week: Friday Mass at 10am (instead of 6.30pm). No Saturday 10am Mass. Evening Masses will remain as usual.

No Stations of the Cross this week. Next Stations Friday 22nd March, 7pm.

Easter Flowers – At Masses this weekend, there will be a collection for Easter flowers.

Passiontide Veils – Volunteers needed this Thursday, 7pm, to veil the statues and paintings ready for Passiontide.

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.

Confirmation Catechists – We are looking for more catechists to support our Confirmation programme on Sunday evenings. Please see Fr Andrew.

Wednesday Film and Conversation Night – Wednesday 13th March, 7.30pm, in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). Watching and discussing episode 4 of 'Metanoia': "Sin and Mercy". This episode reminds us that Jesus came for sinners, so it is important to identify personal sin and realise that Jesus rescues us from it. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions, everyone is welcome!

Parish Movie Night – Saturday 9th March, 8pm, in the Upper Room. 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. Film rating: U (Universal - suitable for all). 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.

Hail Holy Queen - Our Lady and St Catherine's, Bow, are holding a parish mission retreat in honour of Our Lady, 12-14 March, 7pm each evening (for 1 hour). Led by Fr Royston, a Redemptorist priest from Clapham. There will also be the opportunity for Confessions from 6pm. See poster in porch for more information.

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:

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 this Tuesday 12th March, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session Thursday 14th March, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 16th March, 10.30am (Beryl's team).

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

Parish Movie Nights – Next film Saturday 9th March, 8pm, "Bernadette", in the Upper Room. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Programme on the notice board.

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

Shared Christian Bookshelf – In the Upper Room, to share books about our faith. All welcome to borrow and contribute books.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Providing practical support to members of our community. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office. For assistance or support from the SVP Society: request@svp.org.uk | 0207 703 3030

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. Next session Sunday 17th March, 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.