

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

17th March 2024

SAT 16 Mar	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
MON 18	10.00am 	ST PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Patron of the Parish	Ravi and Chriss Kumar RIP
TUE 19	10.00am 	SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Helen Clark RIP
WED 20	No Mass	Lent Feria	
THU 21	6.30pm 	Lent Feria	James Aspell RIP (Anni)
FRI 22	6.30pm 	Lent Feria	Joan Paris Birthday Blessing
SAT 23	10.00am	Lent Feria	No morning Mass
	6.30pm		Dora Israel RIP
SUN 24	10.00am 	+ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Private Intention

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday & Sunday 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.

Evening Prayer: Thursday 7.00pm.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7.00pm.



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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Passiontide Veils

This last fortnight of Lent is “Passiontide”. Our attention is focussed more keenly on the sufferings of Christ, and we enter a time of deeper penitence. You will notice that the crosses, statues, and images in church have been veiled in violet. Various explanations are given for this traditional practice. Throughout the year, we glory in the crucifix and the saints as signs of Christ’s victory over sin and death. In Passiontide, we are reminded instead of Christ’s suffering, and those signs of his victory are obscured. The Stations of the Cross, alone, are left unveiled, for this reason. The celebration of his victory must wait until Good Friday, on which the crosses are unveiled, and the Easter Vigil, for which the saints are unveiled. The veils create a sense of anticipation for our celebration of Easter.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Next Sunday, 10.00am Mass will begin in the Rose Garden (opposite the Marine Police Headquarters), with the blessing of palms and procession to church. This commemorates the joyful entry into Jerusalem of the Lord Jesus, just a few days before his Passion and Death, and marks the beginning of our Holy Week celebrations. Please join us there. (In case of rain, Mass will begin in the church as usual).

The Saturday and Sunday evening Masses next weekend will take place in church as usual, and will include the blessing of palms.

St Patrick’s Day – A Day Later Than Usual

This year, we celebrate the feast of St Patrick on Monday 18th March, a day later than usual. The Fifth Sunday of Lent has precedence over our patron saint. However, as he is our patron, his feast is a “solemnity”, and so we move it to the next available day. Tuesday is another solemnity, of St Joseph. We don’t fast on solemnities, so Monday and Tuesday we can take a break from our Lenten discipline, in honour of St Patrick and St Joseph. Please pray to them both for our parish and its future.

Easter Break

To the many families going away this Easter, I wish you safe travels and the Lord’s blessing for this Holy Week and Easter. These are the greatest feasts of the Church’s year and celebrate the heart of our Christian faith. Wherever you are, please try to join the Paschal Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) if you can.

With my prayers and best wishes, 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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday)

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 30th March (Holy Saturday)

8.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection)

10.00am Easter Mass

(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

PARISH NOTICES

This Week: No Saturday 10am Mass. Evening Mass remains as usual.

A polite reminder that there should be no eating or drinking in church or in the back chapel. For babies and very small children if they need to eat please use the area provided in the back chapel and ensure that any food waste or rubbish is disposed of in the bins provided.

Easter Offering – If you are away over Easter, please consider making your Easter offering before you go. The offerings at Christmas and Easter make up Fr Andrew's salary for the year. There are donation envelopes at the back of church, just write "Easter Offering" and place in the collection or drop at the Presbytery (Dundee Street).

Easter Raffle – Tickets are on sale this weekend for our Easter raffle, at the end of Sunday Masses. £2 per strip. Proceeds will go towards our refurbishment fund. With thanks to Phyllis for organising it.

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 20th March, 7.30pm, in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). Watching and discussing episode 5 of 'Metanoia': "Jesus Prays", about the importance of prayer in Jesus' life and therefore the necessity of prayer in our lives to find intimacy with God. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions.

Parish Movie Night – Saturday 13th April, 8pm, in the Upper Room. Showing 'Finding Saint Francis', a 2015 film directed by Paul Alexander. Peter Stone arrives at a Franciscan Friary for rest, instead he is engaged in a film being made there about the Life of Saint Francis of Assisi. Film rating: 12 (contains material that is not generally suitable for children aged under 12). Free entry (donations welcome to help cover the cost of the copyright licence), bring your own snacks and drinks.

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 26th March, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 23rd March, 11am (Caroline'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 13th April, 8pm, "Finding St Francis", 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.