

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PAM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year B)

23rd March 2024

SAT 23 Mar	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
MON 25	10.00am 	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP (B'day)
TUE 26	10.00am 	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Áine ni Ceallaigh RIP (Anni)
WED 27	No Mass	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	
<u>The Sacred Paschal Triduum</u>			
THU 28	<u>6.30pm</u> 	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	Ravi, Chriss & Sheila Kumar, & Kathleen Aspell (Ints)
FRI 29	<u>3.00pm</u> 	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
	<u>6.30pm</u>	Stations of the Cross	
SAT 30	<u>8.00pm</u> 	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Monica Clark RIP
SUN 31	10.00am 	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday	

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: Resumes after Easter



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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

This is Holy Week, the most important of the year. During Holy Week, the Church recalls the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and celebrates the startling revelation of his Resurrection from the dead.

The culmination of Holy Week is three days of intense prayer and worship. These three celebrations are really a single liturgy encompassing the whole mystery at the heart of our faith:

- The **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Maundy Thursday, **6.30pm**) at which we commemorate the gift of the Blessed Eucharist, the means given to us by Christ of participating still today in his saving death on the Cross.
- The **Celebration of the Passion** (Good Friday, **3.00pm**) at which we mourn the death of the Lord Jesus, but also celebrate his death as the fulfilment of the Incarnation and the source of our salvation.
- The **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night** (Holy Saturday, **8.00pm**) at which the Church remembers the joyous and startling revelation of Christ's resurrection from the dead, and the promise of our eternal salvation in him.

These three celebrations are referred to together as the "Sacred Paschal Triduum". They make the greatest sense when celebrated together. Our preparations throughout Lent are not simply about self-improvement and detachment from sin and worldly addictions, but a preparation for this great act of worship. I encourage you to celebrate together our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Please note there is Mass at 10.00am on Easter Sunday, but no 6.30pm Mass.

If you are going away for the Easter holidays, I wish you and your families the blessings of this holy time. Please do join the celebrations in the parish local to you.

May the Lord bless this Holy 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

Silence after Palm Sunday Mass – One of the ways we mark the beginning of Holy Week is to finish the Palm Sunday Mass in silence. You are asked to respect the solemnity of this time by departing the church as quietly as possible after Mass.

Chrism Mass, Tuesday 4th April, 12noon, Westminster Cathedral – The priests of the diocese gather with Cardinal Nichols and the auxiliary bishops to bless the new holy oils to be used for the sacraments in the coming year, and renew their ordination promises. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Good Friday Workshop for Children – We will be running a creative workshop for the children of the parish on Good Friday morning from 11am-1pm in the parish centre. Come and accompany Jesus on his journey to the cross through art and drama. Workshop led by Angie, Lucy and Naomi. Everyone welcome. Please email or speak to Lucy for more information. lucyknight@rcdow.org.uk

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 6.30pm, in addition to the 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

Preparations for Easter, Saturday 8th April, 10.30am – There is lots to do to prepare and decorate the church for Easter, and we need help next Saturday, 10.30am. With enough volunteers, it will take an hour at the most. Please come and help if you can.

Altar Servers for Holy Week – Inviting all altar servers to serve during the Holy Week and Easter liturgies, to mark this greatest week in the Church's year with solemnity. Please let Fr Andrew know if your children are planning to serve.

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 – Thank you in advance for your Easter offerings. 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.

Tea and Coffee – We are looking for volunteers to help with tea and coffee on Sunday morning's after Mass. We are still rebuilding our community after COVID, and spending time together after Mass is a lovely way to continue to do this, especially as the warmer weather approaches. Please see or email Lucy if you are able to help. Commitment around once per month on a rota basis. lucyknight@rcdow.org.uk

Wednesday Film and Conversation Night – Wednesday 27th March, 7.30pm, in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). Watching and discussing episode 6 of 'Metanoia': "Hunger and Thirst", and considering the hunger the human heart experiences, often expressed as loneliness. Jesus humbles himself and becomes the bread of life that can fill and satisfy the eternal longing within every human person. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions.

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 30th March, 8.30am (Michelle and Naomi'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.

Youth Catechesis – For years 7-13, including preparation for Confirmation. Next session Sunday 21st April, 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 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:

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.