

# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

<b>SAT 30 Mar</b>	<b>8.00pm</b> 	<b>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>	Monica Clark RIP
<b>SUN 31</b>	10.00am 	<b>+ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	People of the Parish
	<del>6.30pm</del>	<i>No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday</i>	
<b>MON 1 Apr</b>	<b>11.00am</b> 	<b>OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	Ashby Mary Collinson (Ints)
<b>TUE 2</b>	10.00am 	<b>OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	For a Special Gift in Healing
<b>WED 3</b>	<i>No Mass</i>	<b>OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	
<b>THU 4</b>	6.30pm 	<b>OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	Vero & Mario Alessandro Bardi RIP
<b>FRI 5</b>	6.30pm 	<b>OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	Adrian Tobin RIP
<b>SAT 6</b>	10.00am	<b>OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	Fr Tim Furlow (Ints)
	6.30pm		Fr Andrew & Parishioners (Ints)
<b>SUN 7</b>	10.00am 	<b>+ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)</b>	Fr Digby Samuels RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

Masses marked  are livestreamed on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/rcwapping](http://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



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**PARISH OFFICE:** Mon, Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

**Parish Secretary:** Lucy Knights  
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## **FR ANDREW WRITES:**

### **Easter Blessings**

Easter is the “feast of feasts”. St Athanasius called it the “Great Sunday”. The celebration of Easter is connected to Baptism. Please pray for Joshua and Santiago, baptised at the Easter Vigil, and for all new members of the Church this Easter.

So many parishioners have worked hard so our celebrations of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter have the solemnity they deserve. It has been a family effort! The purpose was to glorify our Risen Lord, but I still want to express my thanks to everyone involved. I am sure you will agree that the church looks beautiful for Easter, and our celebrations of Holy Week were dignified and uplifting. Thank you all.

Thank you, too, for your generous cards, gifts, and Easter offerings for me. The offerings at Easter and Christmas are the main source of the stipend I receive as a priest, so your generosity at this time is much appreciated.

The season of Easter lasts now for fifty days: forty days to the Ascension of the Lord (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May) and then another ten to the celebration of Pentecost. Eastertide is deliberately longer than Lent; the celebrations are longer than the fast!

### **Divine Mercy Holy Hour – Next Sunday 2.30pm**

Next Sunday is “Divine Mercy Sunday”. The Divine Mercy is a devotion celebrating God’s infinite love for us all. It originates in revelations received by St Faustina Kowalska, the “Apostle of the Divine Mercy”, in Poland in the 1930s, and commended to the whole Church by Pope Saint John Paul II.

We will have a Holy Hour at 2.30pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy devotions at 3pm, and concluding with Benediction at 3.30pm. Confession, which is the sacramental encounter with the Divine Mercy, will be available throughout. Whether or not you are familiar with the Divine Mercy devotions, you are very welcome.

Easter blessings to you all, Fr Andrew.

### **THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION**

**April: For the Role of Women.** Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Good Friday Workshop** – Many thanks to Lucy, Angie, and Naomi for leading the Good Friday workshop, and for the work of the children now decorating the church.

**Bank Holiday Monday:** Mass at 11am, rather than 10am.

**Divine Mercy Devotions, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30-3.30pm**, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available throughout.

**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 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).

**Thank you** to all those who donated towards the Easter Flowers, we raised £366 to help pay for the beautiful arrangements in the church.

**Easter Raffle** – Winning numbers for our Easter raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> green 91, 2<sup>nd</sup> green 66, 3<sup>rd</sup> pink 341, 4<sup>th</sup> pink 381, 5<sup>th</sup> pink 296, 6<sup>th</sup> pink 236. Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to Phyllis for arranging the raffle and donating the prizes.

**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. [lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk)

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> April, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

**Church Cleaning** – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am (Beryl's team).

**Film and Conversation Nights** – Resumes Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, Upper Room. Watching and discussing "Metanoia". Friendship, discussion, refreshments.

**Parish Movie Nights** – Next film Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. Next session Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> April, 5pm, in the Upper Room. Speak to Fr Andrew to join.

### **DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Annual Mass for Matrimony**, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30pm, Westminster Cathedral – The Cardinal will celebrate this Mass for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries: 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Registration now open. The pilgrimage is led by Cardinal Nichols. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year’s pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes> | 020 7798 9173

### **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/](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](tel:08004480704)

**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](tel:08003047159)
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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.calixsociety.org.uk) | 07762 570361 | [calixsjw@btinternet.com](mailto:calixsjw@btinternet.com)

**The St Katharine and Wapping Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel** has a website: [www.skw-wardpanel.org](http://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](http://www.owl.co.uk). As a local community, it is good for us to be connected together and to look out for each other.