

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

7th April 2024

SAT 6 Apr	6.30pm		Fr Andrew & Parishioners (Ints)
SUN 7	10.00am 	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Canon Digby Samuels RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 8	10.00am 	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Charles McHale RIP (B'Day)
TUE 9	10.00am 	Easter Feria	Liam Bergin RIP
WED 10	No Mass	Easter Feria	
THU 11	6.30pm 	St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
FRI 12	6.30pm 	Easter Feria	Maria (Ints) & Wladyslaw (RIP) Podgorni
SAT 13	10.00am	Easter Feria	Devon Petrie (Ints)
	6.30pm		Paris Family (Ints)
SUN 14	10.00am 	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Helen & Michael Sullivan RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

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.

The Rosary: Friday 7.00pm.



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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Paschal Candle



The Paschal Candle, currently standing in the sanctuary by the ambo, is the Easter symbol of Christ. It was lit from the new fire at the Easter Vigil last Saturday night: the fire being a symbol of the new light of the Resurrection dispelling the darkness of Christ's death. The candle is decorated with a Cross and the current year, and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, a reference to Christ's words in the Book of Revelation:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 22:13)

Into the Paschal candle was inserted five brass pins containing beads of incense. These are a reminder of the spices with which the body of Jesus was wrapped for burial, and represent his five precious wounds: the three nails in his hands and feet, his pierced side, and the crown of thorns. In the past the incense would be buried in the candle, so that it caught and released fragrance as the candle burned down.

The design of the candle this year is based on the doom paintings found above the chancel arch in Medieval churches. These paintings depicted the Risen Christ, displaying his wounds, and sitting in judgement: the angels and the elect on his right, the demons and the damned on his left. He has an orb under his feet, signifying his dominion over the universe, and he is seated on a rainbow, a reference to the Lord God Almighty in the Book of Revelation:

"And he who sat there appeared like jasper and carnelian, and round the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald." (Revelation 4:3)

The Paschal candle remains in the sanctuary for the season of Easter (until Pentecost), and then is used at baptisms and funerals throughout the year.

Feel free to have a closer look. It was designed and beautifully painted by Bernard Allen, one of the community of artists in the Parish Centre. I am very grateful to him indeed. You can see more of his work here: www.bernardallenart.com.

With my prayers and wishing you continued Easter blessings, 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

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

Thank you again to all parishioners who so generously helped to prepare and celebrate the Sacred Paschal Triduum, in every way. Fr Andrew is especially grateful for the cards and gifts he received, and for your Easter offerings.

Offertory Envelopes – Envelopes for the new year are available from the stewards this weekend for parishioners who continue to make their parish offering this way.

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 only use the back chapel and ensure that any rubbish is disposed of in the bins provided.

Wednesday Film and Conversation Night – Wednesday 10th April, 7.30pm, in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). Watching and discussing episode 7 of 'Metanoia': "Jesus Calls and Empowers". While Jesus came out of love for the world, his love for everyone is personal and individual. He calls each person out of their tomb and out of what binds them, into fuller life. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions, everyone is welcome!

Parish Movie Night – Saturday 13th April, 8pm, in the Upper Room. Showing 'Finding Saint Francis', a 2015 film produced by Tertiary Franciscans about the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. Peter Stone arrives at a Franciscan Friary for rest, instead he is engaged in a film being made there about the life of the Saint. Film rating: 12 (moderate injury details). Free entry (donations invited to help cover the cost of the copyright licence), bring your own snacks and drinks. The Upper Room will be open from 7.30pm.

Easter Raffle – Winning numbers for our Easter raffle: 1st green 91, 2nd green 66, 3rd pink 341, 4th pink 381, 5th pink 296, 6th 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. lucyknight@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 23rd April, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 13th April, 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. Next session Sunday 21st 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 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.