

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

14th April 2024

SAT 13 Apr	6.30pm		Paris Family (Ints)
SUN 14	10.00am 	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Helen & Michael Sullivan RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 15	10.00am 	Easter Feria	Maureen Bergin (Ints)
TUE 16	10.00am 	Easter Feria	Molly Carroll RIP
WED 17	No Mass	Easter Feria	
THU 18	6.30pm 	Easter Feria	Private Intention
FRI 19	6.30pm 	Saint Alphege, Bishop and Martyr	Private Intention
SAT 20	10.00am	Easter Feria	Private Intention
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 21	10.00am 	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Peter & Amelia King RIP
	6.30pm		Maria Arminda RIP

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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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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PARISH OFFICE: Mon & Tue 10am-2pm
(Closed Friday)

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

‘Dignitas Infinita’ – Declaration on Human Dignity

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, acting under the authority of Pope Francis, published a declaration on Monday about human dignity. Our Catholic emphasis on human dignity begins with the fact that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, and was further elevated when the Word of God united human nature to himself in the Incarnation as Jesus Christ.

Human dignity is described in terms of:

- Ontological dignity, which belongs to a person simply because he or she exists and is willed, created, and loved by God.
- Moral dignity, which is about how a person exercises their freedom.
- Social dignity, including the quality of a person’s living conditions.
- Existential dignity, including how a person understands their life to be “dignified” or “undignified” given the experience of illness, violence, addiction.

The latter three can be compromised or challenged, whereas a person’s ontological dignity is “indelible and remains valid beyond any circumstances in which the person may find themselves.” It is ontological dignity that should be the foundational basis for human rights, with the right to life most fundamental of all.

The declaration comments on several moral issues related to human dignity: poverty, war, migrants and trafficked persons, sexual abuse, violence against women, abortion, surrogacy, euthanasia, marginalisation of disabled persons, gender theory and sex change, the death penalty, and digital violence. It’s a substantial document.

The full document is available online:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/04/08/240408c.html>

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

Administrative Help – Fr Andrew is looking for some administrative help for the parish, in several different areas. If this appeals to you, and you have some free time to give to the parish, please speak to him.

London Marathon Next Sunday – For those parishioners who live outside of Wapping, a reminder that the London Marathon is next Sunday, 21st April, and entails the closure of The Highway, 9.30am-6.30pm. There are no buses, but the Overground is running as usual, and there are pedestrian crossing points.

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. We have 15 diocesan seminarians at present, most studying at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea. The fund also supports the ongoing formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donations help ensure we can support all of these men called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are at the back of church or you can donate using the contactless devices, or online:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/priests-training-fund/>

Music and Prayer during Friday Holy Hour – During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays, 7-8pm, there will now be music and singing to accompany the Rosary, and other guided praise and worship. Please come and join in prayer.

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 17th April, from 7.30pm in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). Watching and discussing episode 8 of 'Metanoia': "Jesus' Power Over the Evil One". We will look at the devil's presence in the world and God's power over him. Every time we resist temptation and respond to grace, we participate in Christ's saving victory over evil. This response to grace is conversion: God acting in us. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions, everyone is welcome!

Parish Movie Night – Saturday 11th Way, 8pm, in the Upper Room. Showing 'The Way', a 2010 film produced by Emilio Estevez. A father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while travelling the 'El camino de Santiago' and decides to take the pilgrimage himself. 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.

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 20th April, 8.30am (Naomi and Michelle'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 11th May, 8pm, "The Way", in the Upper Room. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Programme on the notice board.

Rosary Group – Fridays in church at 7pm. Also, 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. Resumes 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. Resumes 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](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/

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.