

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

21st April 2024

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| SAT 20 Apr | 6.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| SUN 21 | 10.00am  | + FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Peter & Amelia King RIP |
| | 6.30pm | | Maria Arminda RIP |
| MON 22 | 10.00am  | Easter Feria | Roland Paoletti RIP (B'day) |
| TUE 23 | 10.00am  | SAINT GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England | Mary Christina Kumar RIP (Anni) |
| WED 24 | No Mass | SS Erkenwald & Mellitus, Bishops | |
| THU 25 | <u>10.00am</u>  | ST MARK, Evangelist | Mary Christina Kumar RIP (Anni) |
| FRI 26 | 6.30pm  | Easter Feria | Denis Franey & Gary James Conlon RIP (Anni) |
| SAT 27 | 10.00am | Easter Feria | June Venables RIP |
| | 6.30pm | | Mary Christina & Ravindra Kumar RIP |
| SUN 28 | 10.00am  | + FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Charles and Kathleen Barnett 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:

Good Shepherd Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

St John Henry Newman began his well-known prayer: “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He committed some work to me he has not committed to another.” We each have a vocation: a stable state of life to which we are called, and by which we serve God and each other. No vocation is more important than another. Every Catholic should ask the Lord what vocational state he has chosen for them.

For a small number of men, that vocation is priesthood. The first step on that path is usually a conversation with the Parish Priest, and then the diocesan Vocations Team. After some discernment, the Archbishop decides to admit him to seminary. Formation for priesthood involves human, pastoral, spiritual and intellectual aspects, usually over six or seven years. During this time, both the seminarian and the Church discern whether this is a true call from God.

Our diocese has fifteen seminarians at present. We are not ordaining as many as there are priests retiring and dying. That needs prayer, and will soon require some difficult decisions about the future of our parishes. Please pray to the Lord to raise up new and holy priestly vocations.

If you think the Lord might be calling you, please speak to me. You are not signing your life away by having a conversation about it! Priests come from all sorts of backgrounds and situations. They receive their call at different ages. The way in which a call is manifested can be very different.

If there is someone you think would make a good priest, tell them. Ask them if they have thought about it. The Lord may use your prompt to reach out to that person.

Priesthood is a specific type of service to which the Lord calls some. It is not more important than the other vocational states of life, but the Church does urgently need priests. Today we are asked to pray for the Lord to raise up shepherds for his flock.

God bless 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

Change of Mass time: Thursday 10am (rather than 6.30pm).

This Weekend: Retiring Collection for the Priest Training Fund – There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, thirteen for our own diocese, plus one in Rome and one in Valladolid. Last year four men were ordained to the priesthood. Your generosity supports these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests.

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

London Marathon – On Sunday, two of our young parishioners, Jacob O’Ceallaigh and Mateo Gibbs, are running the London Marathon for the Jesuit Refugee Service. Pray for them and, if you are watching, look out for and support them with your cheers.

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.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Jack Birch who died peacefully at home on Sunday and for his family who grieve his loss. Funeral details to be announced shortly.

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.

Children in School Year 2 – We encourage all parents of children currently in year 2 to begin sending them to Sunday morning catechesis, in preparation for First holy Communion classes next year.

Wednesday Film and Conversation Night – Wednesday 24th April, from 7.30pm in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). Watching and discussing episode 9 of 'Metanoia': "This Teaching is Hard". Some of Jesus’ teachings are hard for us to accept and we sometimes run the risk of making Jesus into our own image, emphasizing the things we like and ignoring those that challenge us. This episode discusses some of those teachings in Scripture that may be difficult for us to accept. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions, everyone is welcome!

Parish Movie Night –Saturday 11th May, 8pm, in the Upper Room. Showing 'The Way', a 2010 film produced by Emilio Estevez. Tom, an American doctor, travels to France to collect the remains of his adult son, killed in the Pyrenees while walking the Camino de Santiago. Driven by a profound sadness and desire to understand his son better, Tom embarks on the pilgrimage, leaving his old life behind, soon meeting others from around the world, also looking for greater meaning in their lives. Film rating: 12 (contains soft drug use and references). Free entry (donations invited 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.

And for the recently deceased, including: Jack Birch.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 23rd April, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 27th April, 10.30am (Beryl'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 this Sunday.

Sunday Tea and Coffee – Sundays after 10am Mass, in the Parish Centre.

Youth Catechesis – For years 7-13, including preparation for Confirmation. Resumes this week, 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.