

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

28th April 2024

SAT 27 Apr	6.30pm		Mary Christina & Ravindra Kumar RIP
SUN 28	10.00am 	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Charles & Kathleen Barnett RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 29	10.00am 	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	Liam Bergin RIP
TUE 30	10.00am 	Easter Feria	Marie-France Henry RIP
WED 1 May	<i>No Mass</i>	St Joseph the Worker	
THU 2		St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	
	6.30pm 	Mass with Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation	Marie-France Henry RIP
FRI 3	6.30pm 	SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles	Marie Galley (Ints)
SAT 4	10.00am	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	John & Rita Holder RIP
	6.30pm		The Aldridges (Ints)
SUN 5	10.00am 	+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Marie Jermey RIP (Anniversary)
	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.

The Rosary: Friday 7.00pm.



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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the May

Mother Mary is honoured particularly in the month of May. Several Marian feasts fall in May and, beginning probably in Italy in the seventeenth century, the whole month came to be dedicated to Mary.

Many different customs around the world honour Mary in May. Often, they include a “May Altar” in the home with images of the Blessed Virgin, candles, and flowers, around which the family prays the Rosary in the evenings.

If you don't already, please consider taking up the routine of daily Rosary, perhaps offering it for peace in the world or for vocations. We pray the Rosary in church on Fridays at 7pm, and before the Sunday Masses throughout the month.

With my prayers for 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.

May: For the Formation of Men and Women Religious, and Seminarians. Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

PARISH NOTICES

Confirmation Mass – This Thursday we welcome Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will celebrate Mass at 6.30pm and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on twenty teenagers from the parish. Please pray for them as they receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Priest Training Fund – Thank you for all your donations to the Priest Training Fund last weekend. We will know the total raised next week. Donation envelopes are still available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations.

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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.

Funeral Mass for the Late Jack Birch – Friday 17th May, 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

Baptism – The next preparation course will take place on Sunday 5th, 12th and 19th May, beginning immediately after the 10am morning Mass. The sessions are run by Catechists Joan and Michelle in the Sacristy. Attendance at all three sessions is necessary before a date for baptism can be arranged with Fr Andrew. You can sign up for the course with the link below. If you are expecting, you might find it more convenient to do the Baptism course before your new baby arrives.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/baptism/>

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 1st May, from 7.30pm in the Upper Room (accessed via the front entrance of the Parish Centre on Dundee Street). Watching and discussing episode 10 of 'Metanoia': "Do You Love Me?". Jesus never gives up on us and always seeks us out in order to love us; he tenderly and patiently waits for us to return to him. We reciprocate this love by loving others. This love story is the greatest of all love stories. We will discuss how, when we come to know the love of Jesus, we are moved to share it with others. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions, everyone is welcome!

Join the Wapping St Vincent de Paul Society – A group of Parishioners have worked hard over the last few months to set up a SVP Conference in Wapping, to provide practical support to Wapping residents in need. We are already carrying out visits to isolated members of our community and we are now looking to set up a distribution of free hot meals in Wapping. The home cooked meals will be provided by a charity, Neighbours in Poplar, but to make it possible we need more volunteers to help deliver the meals to the beneficiaries' homes on Wednesdays and/or Sundays, between 12noon and 1pm. Existing Wapping SVP members will be available at the end of Mass this weekend to provide more information, or please email:

PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk

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 7th May, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 4th May, 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: PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk

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. Next session, Sunday 28th April, 5pm, in the Upper Room. Speak to Fr Andrew to join.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal – Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis: extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal using the card machines in church. Your donation will help CAFOD to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal

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.