St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

12th May 2024

SAT 11 May	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 12	10.00am ▶	+ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Intentions of Paris Family
	6.30pm		Christina Kumar RIP
MON 13	10.00am ▶	Our Lady of Fatima	Madeline (Birthday Intentions)
TUE 14	10.00am ▶	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	Bridgeside care home Staff (Ints)
WED 15	*No Mass*	Easter Feria	
THU 16	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Monica Clark RIP
FRI 17	11.30am	**Funeral of Jack Birch RIP**	
	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Frank Game RIP (Anniversary)
SAT 18	10.00am ▶	Easter Feria	Martin (Birthday Intentions)
	6.30pm		Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP
SUN 19	10.00am ▶	**+ PENTECOST SUNDAY**	Sr Agnes Ong (Ints)
	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. Saturday 6.00pm.

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

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Buildings Update

A very brief update about our parish buildings:

Church: Our architects are working on the detailed design for the large-scale refurbishment of the church, necessitated by the failure of the floor slab.

Private Flat (part of the Presbytery): We hope to expand the flat to two bedrooms by converting the garage, either for commercial let or for a retired priest.

Parish Centre (Dundee Street): The condition of the building is deteriorating rapidly. We have problems with the windows, with wet-rot, and now with the ceiling plasterwork. We intend to refurbish the building in phases. The upper storeys are intended to provide income for the parish. The ground floor is our parish hall and we hope to expand it to add a catering kitchen, better toilet facilities, and meeting rooms.

Social Club (Dundee Street): We intend to sell the old social club building to help finance the works needed to the Parish Centre and the Church. We are making progress with surveyors and hope to market the building soon.

Chandler Street: The Jesuit Refugee Service rent the old infant school on Chandler Street from the parish. We hope to work with the Jesuits to secure a longer-term arrangement, which will help to pay for the refurbishment works to the Church.

I hope to invite you to a parish meeting in the next couple of months, to share the designs for the church, and invite feedback on our strategy for our parish buildings.

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes. I am looking for someone who might act as clerk to the Buildings Committee, organising our files, keeping track of actions, taking the minutes of meetings, etc. Please speak to me if you are interested.

World Communications Day 2024

This Sunday is World Communications Day. Pope Francis has written a letter on the theme: *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.* You can read it online: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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

First Holy Communion – This Sunday, eight of our young parishioners will make their First Holy Communions at the 10am Mass. Please pray for them as they take this important step in their journey.

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary – There will now be Exposition every week on Thursdays (in addition to Friday), 7-8pm, with the Rosary at 7.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Praise and Worship – Every Friday, 7-8pm. Please come and spend some time in guided prayer and adoration of the Lord Jesus.

Funeral Masses – Please pray for the repose of these souls and for their families.

- **Jack Birch RIP** – This Friday 17th May, 11.30am.
- **Sheila Anderson RIP** – Friday 31st May, 2pm.

Film and Conversation Night –This Tuesday 14th May, 7.30pm, we will resume with a new programme: "Mysteries of the Rosary - The Joyful Mysteries". We live in a time of great crisis, so many are tormented with desolation and despair. Yet the Gospel is exploding with joy. Everyone wants happiness and everyone desires joy. Join us to explore the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary: Joy is attractive, magnetic, and contagious! No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions, everyone is welcome!

Join the Wapping St Vincent de Paul Society – The new St Patrick's SVP Conference has been set up to provide practical support to Wapping residents in need. The Wapping SVP is already carrying out visits to isolated members of our community and is now looking to set up a distribution of free hot meals in Wapping. More volunteers are needed to enable the SVP to reach out to more beneficiaries. For more information, 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: Sheila Anderson, Jack Birch.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 21st May, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 18th May, 11am (Caroline's team).

Film and Conversation Nights – Now on Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Upper Room (Parish Centre). New programme starting this Tuesday 14th May. Friendship, discussion, refreshments.

Parish Movie Nights – Next film Saturday 8th June, 8pm, "Monsieur Vincent (1947)", in the Upper Room. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Programme on notice board.

Praise and Worship Group – Fridays 7-8pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Rosary Group – Thursdays in church at 7.30pm. 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.

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

Youth Catechesis – For years 7-13, including preparation for Confirmation. Final sessions before summer are Sunday 12th and 19th May, 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.