St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

13th October 2024

SAT 12 Oct	6.30pm		Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit
SUN 13	10.00am	+ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Fr Des O'Neill RIP (B'day)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 14	10.00am	Feria	Erik S (Ints)
TUE 15	10.00am	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor	Bianca's Family (Ints)
WED 16	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 17	6.30pm	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	Ausra & Algirdas (Ints)
FRI 18	6.30pm	SAINT LUKE, Evangelist	Brighid Thomas (Ints)
SAT 19	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Liz Aldridge (Ints)
SUN 20	10.00am	+ TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Private Intention

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-7.00pm (Thu & Fri 8.00pm).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sun 5.45-6.15pm. Thu & Fri 7.00-8.00pm.

The Rosary: Thursday 7.30pm. **Praise and Worship:** Friday 7.00-8.00pm.

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FR DANIELE WRITES:

Like the strings of the lyre

October 17th is the memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr. This great father of the Church left a message that is still very relevant today, the unity among Christians. In one of his letters, he defines unity as a harmony that unites the strings of the lyre.

"Let each one becomes a choir, so that in the harmony of your agreement taking in unity the tone of God, you sing with one voice for Jesus Christ to the Father, so that he may listen to you and recognize you, for the good works, that you are the members of Jesus Christ. It is necessary for you to find yourselves in the inseparable unity to always be partakers of God." (Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Ephesians)

Right now, in Rome the Synod of Bishops is being celebrated. Many are the topics discussed, perhaps someone has heard about it in the news or is updating themselves on this. When the Church gathers to discuss something, it is an exercise in unity and harmony: various ideas and points of view may emerge, but the good that is pursued is always that of being one in Christ. The Holy Spirit speaks through each one of us and dialogue together is an exercise in discernment, both for the bishops with the Pope and for each Christian in his community. When we express an idea, a point of view, an observation or a criticism, and we do so as Christians within the Church, we must be guided by two principles.

1. Do not take for granted that our idea is right and complete. Sharing it with others in the community can improve it and free it from some aspects that are the result of one's own "fixations".
2. Having the unity of the Church at heart: we may be right, but some brothers or sisters may not understand it right away. For this reason, we must give time to others, without expecting to be heard, but staying in the process of discernment with serenity and patience.

When we proceed in this way, we are certain to walk in the light of the Spirit, because we have unity at heart, we express our thoughts with humility, we share our ideas with others with serenity. *Fr Daniele*

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

October: For a Shared Mission. Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious, and laity.

PARISH NOTICES

Oppose Assisted Suicide – Cardinal Nichols has written a pastoral letter to be read at Masses this weekend in anticipation of the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide in Parliament this Wednesday 16th October. We are asked to contact our MP to voice our opposition. To do this, and for more details:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

Visit to St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough, **Saturday 26th October** – Benedictine monastery, containing the national shrine to St Joseph. Meeting 1.30pm for lunch for those who wish, or 3pm at the monastery for the tour with the Abbot. Farnborough is easy by train; it is also possible to drive. Please make your own arrangements for travel. Details and to register: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/events/farnborough/

November Book of the Dead – Please take a sheet this weekend and fill in the names of your departed loved ones, so they can be included in the intention at Mass each day in November. You can return your list, together with an offering for Mass if you wish, next weekend or at any time during November.

Parish Movie Night, **This Saturday 12th October, 8pm, Upper Room** – 'A Man for All Seasons'. Multi-award-winning historical drama about St Thomas More's refusal to acknowledge Henry VIII's break with the Church. Free entry (donations invited to help cover the cost of the copyright licence), bring your own snacks and drinks.

Film & Conversation Night, Tuesday 17th October 7.30pm, Upper Room – This Tuesday, 'The Story of God', season 2, episode 2: 'Heaven and Hell'. We explore the way people around the world incorporate heaven and hell into their lives. We witness exorcisms in Ethiopia and discover human sacrifice among the ancient Mayan before meeting a woman who has experienced her own heaven after a near death experience. No preparation required and no need to have attended previous sessions.

St Patrick's Wapping St Vincent de Paul Society – The Wapping SVP is actively looking for new volunteers to help us carry out our mission, including supporting housebound parishioners to Mass, visiting isolated members of our community, delivering hot meals in Wapping/Shadwell, and other practical support. For more information or if you can give a few hours of your time every month. Email: PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk
For ways to donate to the SVP: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/parish-groups/svp/

Foreign currency collection for the SVP – Donate left-over foreign currency and old British and Irish money to support the work of the SVP. Please drop it in an envelope

or bag marked "SVP" in the sacristy after Mass or in the Presbytery letterbox. 50% of the value of your donation will go towards the Wapping SVP's work to help those in need locally and 50% will go towards supporting the work of the SVP nationally.

English Martyrs School Admissions 2025-26 – English Martyrs is our local Catholic primary school (St Mark's Street, E1 8DJ). Tours of the school for prospective parents each Tuesday 9.30am-11.00am, Tuesday 5th November to Tuesday 7th January. No appointment necessary. Places available in most classes. For more information, or to make separate arrangements, contact the school office: 020 7709 0182

Certificates of Catholic Practice for secondary school and sixth form admissions in September 2025. To request forms: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/schools/ccp/

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 departed, including: Sharon Bruin, Anne Cerase (née Gager).

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 22nd October, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 17th October, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 19th October, Naomi's team, 8.30am.

Praise and Worship Group – Friday 7.00-8.00pm in the church.

Prophets (Bible Timeline) – Next session Monday 21st October, 7pm, Presbytery.

Parish Movie Nights – This Saturday 12th October, 8pm, 'A Man for All Seasons' (1966) in the Upper Room. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Programme on notice board.

Film and Conversation Nights – Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Upper Room (Parish Centre). National Geographic series 'The story of God'. Friendship, discussion, refreshments.

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 - Provides practical support to members of our community asking for help. For more information: PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk

For assistance or support from the SVP Society: request@svp.org.uk | 020 7703 3030

Sunday Catechesis – For children in school years 2-6. Sunday 11am-12noon (during term-time), in the Meeting Room (accessed via the Kitchen Garden).

Youth Catechesis – Sundays 5pm, for years 7-13. Sessions resume shortly.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Brazilian Festival of Our Lady of Aparecida, St Anne's, Whitechapel (E1 5AW), Sunday 13th October – Portuguese Mass 9am, bilingual Mass 11am (with Archbishop Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio), live music 1pm, bingo 3.30pm.

St Michael's Catholic College – If you are applying to the school for the year 7 entry in 2025 academic year, please note their application form has changed. You must complete the supplementary online form and have a Catholic Certificate of Practice signed by Fr Andrew. The old-style form and priest reference is now only used for in-year admissions. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Andrew or Lucy in the parish office.

University Students – The university Catholic chaplaincy is based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. More info: www.universitycatholic.net

Procession in Honour of Our Lady of Willesden, Sunday 13th October, 7pm, from the Shrine church (1 Nicoll Road, Willesden, NW10 9AX) and through the streets of Willesden, praying for the protection of London and for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. It will be attended by the Seminarians of the diocese and Fr Richard Biggerstaff will preach.

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

Interested in Catholic Faith or Adult Confirmation – This is for anyone who wants to know about Catholic faith, and for adult Catholics who missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation for any reason. Meeting on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Please register:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/wrcia

Sunday Catechesis, 11am-12noon – Sunday catechesis for children every Sunday in term-time after 10am Mass, for children in years 2-6, led by Joan and Angie, in the Presbytery meeting room, accessed via the kitchen garden. If your child is new to catechesis, please introduce yourselves to the catechists at the session.

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!

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

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.