St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

17th November 2024

SAT 16 Nov	6.30pm		Dora Israel RIP & Holy Souls
SUN 17	10.00am	+ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		John, James, Andrew & Patrick Aspell RIP & Holy Souls
MON 18	10.00am	Feria	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP
TUE 19	10.00am	Feria	Holy Souls (Ints)
WED 20	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 21	6.30pm	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Private Intention
FRI 22	6.30pm	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	John Sullivan RIP
SAT 23	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Bill Delay RIP
	6.30pm		William & Kathleen Aldridge RIP
SUN 24	10.00am	+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Julian Robinson RIP (Anni)
	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-7.00pm (Fri 8.00pm).

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

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

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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(Day Off: Wednesday)

In Residence: Fr Daniele Falcomer

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

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Events Coordinator: Joann Condon
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Closure of the Parish Hall

For health and safety reasons, the parish hall is now closed, and will remain so long-term. This is a great disappointment, significantly reducing our ability to host parish community events and undertake community outreach. We will have to work hard and inventively, as a parish community, to provide other means of community building and to support the outreach initiatives that currently use the hall.

I am very worried about this, and looking for volunteers to join a social committee, to work with Jo to consider how we might address the community and social needs of our parish. If you are interested, please speak to me or drop Jo an email.

The diocesan surveyor has been investigating wet rot in the Parish Centre, and has concluded that it has spread much more significantly than first thought. Mushrooms have appeared in the hall, and the spores they release are unhealthy to inhale. Unfortunately, treating the wet rot will mean stripping out the woodwork across all three floors of the Parish Centre, at a prohibitive cost.

The Parish Centre was once the primary school, which closed in 2002. Although the building has been occupied since, it has gradually fallen into decay. The windows, roofs, heating, and fire escape route all need significant, expensive work. We engaged Dow Jones Architects to undertake a master plan feasibility study, covering all our buildings, and that was completed in 2023. We had hoped that the refurbishment of the Parish Centre could be phased after the refurbishment of the church. Events have overtaken us, sadly, but there is an opportunity here to make progress.

We have been advised that we must now undertake a large-scale refurbishment of the building, at an estimated cost of £750,000. We must seek to borrow that sum from the diocese. The goal is a building fully refurbished, with better, accessible facilities, and environmentally sustainable. Letting the rooms on the upper floors, in a refurbished state, will yield the parish a very significant income in the future. We believe that there is a good business case for this work, albeit we were not planning to address it so soon. In the meantime, the building eventually must be vacated, and we will lose the small rental income we receive from the current tenants.

This is a precarious time for our parish. I am extremely grateful for the hard work of the parish buildings and finance committees. We will have a full parish meeting and share more information when we have it. In the meantime, please pray for our parish.

St Patrick, pray for the mission of Christ's Church in Wapping. God bless you, Fr A.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

November: For Those Who Have Lost a Child. Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

PARISH NOTICES

Camino Pilgrimage – 8-day parish pilgrimage to walk approximately 120km of the Camino de Santiago, the famous walking pilgrimage to the shrine of St James that ends in the city of Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Planning for Friday 23rd May to Friday 30th May 2025, provisional cost £1000 per person sharing (£380 single room supplement). This will be confirmed shortly. Details of the route and the places through which we will walk are online. Please register your interest by Monday 25th November: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/events/camino/

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday Exposition will cease now for the winter months. Instead, the Rosary will be prayed at 7pm on Thursdays. Friday Exposition, with praise and worship, will continue 7-8pm each week.

This Weekend – Sick & Retired Priests Collection – This fund ensures our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, as they face declining health and mobility. Envelopes are available to Gift Aid your donations. You can also use the contactless devices, or donate online: https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/sick-and-retired-priests-fund/

Readers and Stewards – We are looking for new readers and stewards for the weekend Masses. Please speak to Fr Andrew or email the Parish Office.

Parish Movie Night, Saturday 14th December, 8pm, Upper Room – 'Breakthrough' (2019). When Joyce's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost as John lies lifeless. In the face of every bleak medical case history and dire scientific prediction, Joyce's unwavering faith inspires her community to pray for John's recovery. Based on an incredible true story, 'Breakthrough' is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope and sometimes even a miracle. Film rating: 12.

Operation Elf - Christmas can be a lonely and difficult time for children separated from parents. Prisoners' children carry the additional stigma of a parent in prison and are three times more likely to struggle with mental health issues. Through PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust), we are partnering with HMP Belmarsh and have pledged to give 80 Christmas gifts for children who have a parent in prison. The children range in age from new-born to 16 years. Next weekend, you will be able to take a gift tag for a child and purchase for them an age-appropriate gift (up to the value of £15). You will need to return your gift to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday 2nd December so they can be collected in time for the Prison Family Funday on 10th December.

Pensioners' Christmas Party – Thursday 12th December, 12.30pm, this year held at Pollyanna, Raine House, Wapping Lane. Free of charge. This is always a fabulous event so please contact Jo in the Parish Office to reserve your place.

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Get Your Christmas Tree and Support English Martyrs School – Support English Martyrs Primary School by buying a premium Nordmann Fir tree at below market rates – starting at just £30. Order by 22nd November, for pickup at St Patrick's on 30th November.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/englishmartyrspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=88654

St Patrick's Wapping St Vincent de Paul Society – The Wapping SVP needs your support 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, old British and Irish money and 1p/2p copper coins 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.

Certificates of Catholic Practice for primary school admissions in September 2025. If you are at Mass over the weekend, please speak to Fr Andrew afterwards. The local authority deadline for primary school applications is 15th January. To request forms:

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/schools/ccp/

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

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 to be advised – works needed in the Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 21st November, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 23rd November, Maria's team, 10.30am.

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

Prophets (Bible Timeline) – Next session Monday 18th November, 7pm, Presbytery.

Parish Movie Nights – Saturday 14th December, 8pm, 'Breakthrough' (2019) in the Upper Room. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Programme on notice board.

Rosary Group – Thursdays 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 - 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 (term-time), Meeting Room (accessed via the Kitchen Garden).

Youth Catechesis – Sundays 5pm, for years 7-13. New programme launches soon.

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



DIOCESAN NOTICES

Westminster Cathedral Christmas Celebration, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December, 7.30pm – The annual 'Christmas Celebration' concerts at Westminster Cathedral with the usual blend of festive music and readings pondering the Incarnation of Christ, with celebrity readers and the Cathedral Choir and Orchestra, under the direction of Simon Johnson.

https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/westminster-cathedral-choir-tickets/artist/1693906

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 – The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by the Cardinal, will take place next year from 25th July to 1st August. The booking platform will soon be open for Volunteer Helpers, Medics, Assisted Pilgrims, Clergy and others who wish to take part. Parish and school groups are also encouraged to join. For more information: https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/

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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.