St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

1st December 2024

SAT 30 Nov	6.30pm		Ravi & Chriss Kumar, & Kathleen Aspell RIP & HS
SUN 1 DEC	10.00am ▶	+ 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Ravi & Chriss RIP, & Sheila Kumar, & Kathleen Aspell RIP
MON 2	10.00am ▶	Advent Feria	Kumar Family Living and Dead
TUE 3	10.00am ▶	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	Private Intention
WED 4	*No Mass*	Advent Feria	
THU 5	6.30pm ▶	Advent Feria	Private Intention
FRI 6	6.30pm ▶	Advent Feria	Private Intention
SAT 7	10.00am ▶	Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	Charlotte Emma Aitchison (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 8	10.00am ▶	+ 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Marek Pasterny (Ints)
	6.30pm		Robert Michael Watson RIP

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

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

December: For Pilgrims of Hope. Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

FR ANDREW WRITES:

New Translation of the Lectionary

From this weekend, we begin using a new Lectionary, the book containing the readings for Mass. God speaks to us in the liturgy. In particular, the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lord Jesus "is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in Church" *(Sacrosanctum Concilium, 7)*.

The Old Testament was written largely in Hebrew (and translated into Greek), and the New Testament was written in Greek. For many centuries, at Mass, the Church used a translation into Latin. Since the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, in the 1960s, it has been permitted to have the readings in the vernacular. The Jerusalem Bible was chosen at that time for our English translation. The new Lectionary uses instead a translation called the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition).

There is no such thing as a perfect translation. The Jerusalem Bible used "dynamic equivalence", which focusses on the hearer, and looks for ways to express the original text in a way the hearer will best understand, at the expense of accuracy. The ESV uses "formal equivalence", which seeks more faithfully to translate the original text, so we hear more of the style, cadence, and vocabulary of the original authors. Both methods are valuable, and both have their limits.

This new translation is the fruit of the latest Biblical scholarship, well-suited for liturgical proclamation, with some careful and limited adaptations for culture (e.g. weights and measures), and gender inclusivity, where appropriate. It is a stable translation and will be with us for many decades to come.

The old volumes are sacred: they contain the Word of God, they have been blessed, and further sanctified by decades of use in the holy Mass. To dispose of them they must be buried or burnt. If you lose a loved one, and would like one of the volumes to be buried with them, please speak to me.

My sincere thanks to the parishioners who generously paid for the four volumes of the new Lectionary and the Book of the Gospels. They are beautifully made, as appropriate for the liturgy, and will stand the test of time. I like the new translation, and conscious, too, that it will take some time to become accustomed to it.

PARISH NOTICES

Advent Healing Service, This Sunday, 1st December, 11.15am – We welcome Steve and Geraldine to lead prayers for inner, physical, and family healing. Come and feel the Lord's love move in powerful and miraculous ways.

Shadow Puppet Nativity, Sunday 15th December, 5.30pm – The Sunday Catechesis children will present the nativity story told through shadow puppets. We will bless the outdoor crib and turn on the Christmas lights at 6.30pm Mass, following by a bonfire in the playground with hot chocolate, mulled wine, and mince pies. Save the date!

Pensioners' Christmas Party – Thursday 12th December 12.30pm, organised by the parish as usual, but 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. joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk | 020 7481 2202

Legalisation of Assisted Suicide – Following the decision of MPs in support of assisted suicide, Bishop John Sherrington has issued a new statement:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-suicide-bill-second-reading/

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" – This is our partnership with PACT and HMP Belmarsh to supply 80 Christmas presents for children with a father in prison. Please take a tag from the tree and choose an appropriate present for that child. Gifts should be no more than **£15**. Unfortunately, due to prison security regulations, they cannot accept second hand or used items, electronic or battery-operated toys, toy guns or weapons, modelling clay or slime, or anything edible. In addition, **gifts must not be wrapped, as they will be inspected before entering the prison for security reasons.** Gift bags or carrier bags are fine. You can leave your gifts in the sack in the sacristy or drop at the Parish Office, **no later than Tuesday 2nd December** to be in time for the Prison Family Funday.

St Vincent de Paul Society - **Old Mobile Phones for Calais Refugees** - Local charity Neighbours in Poplar (NiP), run by Sr Christine fcJ, regularly visits Calais to support

refugees living in camps there. The Wapping SVP is collecting old mobile phones: often the only way the refugees can remain in contact with their families. Please leave any old mobile phones in the sacristy, to be included in the next Calais trip in January. Mobile phones must be in working order, SIM unlocked, and clear of personal data.

Caritas Giving Calendar – Supporting our local foodbank this Christmas. Please take a calendar. Each day in Advent, find the corresponding sheep on the calendar, for ideas on what to buy/add to your collection. You can team up with other families too and share the collecting between you or maybe just collect a few items, it is entirely up to you. When you have finished you can bring the collected items to church and leave them in the back chapel. The items will need to be transported to the foodbank the week before Christmas to ensure they can reach families on time.

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 in The Turner's Old Star, 10th December, 12.30pm.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 5th December, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 7th December, Beryl's team, 10.30am.

Foreign/Old Currency Collection for the SVP – Please leave in an envelope or bag marked "SVP" in the sacristy after Mass, or in the Presbytery letterbox.

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

Prophets (Bible Timeline) – Next session Monday 9th December, 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.

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

Shared Christian Bookshelf – In the Upper Room, to share books about our faith. All welcome to borrow and contribute books.

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.