St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

8th December 2024

SAT 7 Dec	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 8	10.00am ▶	+2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	Marek, Ania & Family (Ints)
	6.30pm		Robert Michael Watson RIP
MON 9	10.00am ▶	**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**	Private Intention
TUE 10	10.00am ▶	Advent Feria	Kath, Tom, & Michael Leek RIP
WED 11	*No Mass*	Advent Feria	
THU 12	6.30pm ▶	Advent Feria	Chris Black RIP
FRI 13	**10.00am** ▶	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Irene Hart RIP
SAT 14	10.00am ▶	Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
SUN 15	6.30pm	+ 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	Carol Tan (Ints) Birthday
	10.00am ▶		Billy MacDonald RIP (B'day)
	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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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:

The Season of Advent

The name 'Advent' comes from *adventus*, Latin for 'coming' or 'arrival'. This season is not just a preparation for Christmas! We celebrate a threefold 'advent' of Jesus:

- **In history:** The Word of God took flesh and was born in Bethlehem, as we celebrate at Christmas, to establish the Kingdom of God. This is the focus from 17th December onwards.
- **In mystery:** The Lord Jesus comes to us today through word and Sacrament, especially the Eucharist, building up the Kingdom of God by his grace in us.
- **In majesty:** Jesus will come again in glory on the Last Day, to draw history to a close and fulfil the Kingdom of God. On that day, the dead will be resurrected and the Final Judgement will take place. This is our focus in the first half of the Advent season.

Advent is not primarily penitential, like Lent, but is marked nonetheless by simplicity and sobriety: we use purple vestments, like Lent; we refrain from decorating the church with flowers; the music is quieter, and we omit the Gloria at Mass. The only notable decoration is the Advent wreath, a custom we adopted from German Lutherans in the sixteenth century.

Last Sunday also marked the beginning of a new year in the life of the Church, and our journey again through the events in the life of the Lord Jesus. This is year C in the Sunday cycle of readings, in which we predominantly read from the Gospel of Luke at Sunday Mass.

Praying for the Lord to bless you all with new hope in his coming, Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

Change of Mass Time – Friday 13th December 10am rather than 6.30pm.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is normally 8th December, but it cannot be celebrated on Sunday, so it is moved this year to Monday 9th December.

Shadow Puppet Nativity, next 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, followed by a bonfire in the playground with hot chocolate, mulled wine, and mince pies.

Pensioners' Christmas Party – This 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

Parish Movie Night, This 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" – Thank you to everyone who has donated a gift for this great cause. HMP Belmarsh came to collect the gifts on Friday, they were hugely grateful for everything that has been donated. They will distribute presents at the Family Fun Day and at family visits until Christmas Eve. Please leave any presents in the sacristy or bring to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy.

Christmas Offering – If you are going to be away over Christmas, please consider making your Christmas offering before you go. The offerings at Christmas and Easter make up the priests' annual stipend. There are Christmas offering envelopes at the back of church: put them in the collection or leave at the Parish Office.

English Martyrs Primary School Foundation Governor Vacancy – English Martyrs have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Archbishop and form the majority of the governing body of a Catholic school. They do not need to be parents, but must be practicing Catholics, and are responsible for developing the Catholic character of the school. Please speak to Fr Andrew or contact the school directly. More information about the role:
https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/foundation-governors/

Caritas Giving Calendar – Please leave any donations for the foodbank in the Back Chapel or the Parish Office. We will arrange for all donations to be taken to the foodbank in time for Christmas. Thank you for your help so far.

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.

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 12th December, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 14th December, Maria'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. Starting in January.

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.