St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2025

SAT 4 Jan	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 5	10.00am	**+ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**	Ravi, Chriss RIP, & Sheila Kumar, & Kathleen Aspell RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 6	10.00am	Christmas Feria	Leah (B'day Ints)
TUE 7	10.00am	Christmas Feria	Terry, Terese & Hannah RIP (B'day)
WED 8	*No Mass*	Christmas Feria	
THU 9	6.30pm	Christmas Feria	William Aldridge RIP (B'day)
FRI 10	6.30pm	Christmas Feria	Private Intention
SAT 11	10.00am	Christmas Feria	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Roland Paoletti RIP
SUN 12	10.00am	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Monique Serret RIP
	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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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

January: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

FR ANDREW WRITES:

Next Weekend: Parish Visitation by Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Next weekend, Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop for our diocese with responsibility for our deanery, will be here conducting our five-yearly visitation. The visitation is an "apostolic endeavour": the presence of a successor of the apostles manifests our communion with the Universal Church and particularly with our own diocesan bishop, Cardinal Nichols. Bishop Hudson will meet with various committees and individuals in the parish, visit some of the sick and housebound, and will be present at our three Sunday Masses (including Saturday evening). After each Mass, there will be refreshments in the narthex and a chance to speak with him.

This Weekend: Welcome to Joshua

This weekend, we welcome Joshua Aghadiuno, a first-year seminarian for our diocese in formation for priesthood at the Royal College of St Alban in Valladolid, Spain. Joshua will be here for January and will stay in the Presbytery, working at the Jesuit Refugee Service during the week and in the parish at weekends. Please make him welcome.

The Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, a day early because this year in England and Wales the solemnity is transferred to Sunday. Christ was born quietly; the first witnesses were simple shepherds. The Epiphany recalls the visit of the Magi, representing the nations of the world giving homage to the Christ Child.

This feast is associated with many traditions of popular piety around the world. One such is the blessing of homes through the intercession of the Wise Men, using blessed chalk. We shall bless chalk at the end of the Epiphany Masses for you to take home.

At home, use the chalk to make an inscription above your front door, to entrust your home to God's protection for the new year and ask his blessing for all who enter:

$$20 + C + M + B + 25$$

The number designates the year, while 'CMB' stands for the traditional names of the wise men – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and also the prayer '*Christus mansionem benedicat*' which means 'May Christ bless this home'. You might use this prayer:

℣. Peace be to this house. ℟. **And all who dwell here.**

The three Wise Kings, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, followed a star to find the Christ Child, who was born two thousand and twenty-three years ago.

(Write 20+C+M+B+25 above the door)

Visit, O blessed Lord, our home with the gladness of your presence.
Bless it and all who live or visit here with the gift of your love;
and grant that we may show your love to each other
and all whose lives we touch.
Lord Jesus Christ, be with us now and for ever. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

Thank You

Our celebration of Christmas was made possible by a huge number of volunteers: cleaning, flowers, brasses, sacristans, music, singing, livestream operators, collectors, stewarding, reading, serving, rotas, and much more, and for all who pray for our parish and obtain God's grace in such abundance for our community. We are so fortunate to have such generosity, and I am very grateful to all those who helped.

I want to express my personal thanks for all the cards, gifts, and offerings I have received, and for all the support and friendship you give to me throughout the year. It is a privilege to be with you here in Wapping. I thank God for each of you. Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

Exciting news for our young parishioners in Years 7 to 13! Join us for the launch of our brand-new Youth Group on **Saturday 25th January**. The evening kicks off with Mass at 6.30pm, followed by an engaging session in the Upper Room. Expect a mix of faith-filled Catholic discussions, pizza, and plenty of fun activities to connect with friends and grow in faith. Don't miss this great opportunity to be part of something special! See you there! Please register:

http://rcwapping.typeform.com/youthgroup

Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee – We are looking for volunteers to join a rota to restart teas and coffees on Sunday mornings after Mass in the Back Chapel.

English Martyrs Primary School Foundation Governor Vacancy – Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Archbishop. 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/

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 – Bingo will resume in The Turner's Old Star in the New Year.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 23rd January, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 11th January, Naomi's team, 8.30am.

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 – Fridays 7.00-8.00pm in the church.

Prophets (Bible Timeline) – Next session Monday 13th January, 7pm, Presbytery.

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. Resumes Sunday 12th January.

Youth Group – Sunday 25th January after 6.30pm Mass, Upper Room, for years 7-13.

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

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.