St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C)

12th January 2025

SAT 11 Jan	6.30pm		Roland Paoletti RIP
SUN 12	10.00am ▶	+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Monique Serret RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 13	10.00am ▶	Feria	James Clark RIP
TUE 14	10.00am ▶	Feria	Anne-Marie & Kathleen (Ints)
WED 15	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 16	6.30pm ▶	Feria	Jac van Leuven RIP Anni.
FRI 17	6.30pm ▶	Saint Anthony, Abbot	Ravindra Kumar RIP
SAT 18	10.00am ▶	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 19	10.00am ▶	+ 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Parents who have lost a child
	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 (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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FR ANDREW WRITES:

This Weekend: Parish Visitation by Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, is in Wapping this weekend conducting our five-yearly episcopal visitation.

The Lord Jesus established his Church on the apostles. At the Last Supper and at Pentecost he consecrated them as the first priests of the New Covenant, granted them his authority, and, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, filled them with the charisms they would need to govern and shepherd the new People of God, following his example of servant leadership. They, in time, chose successors, the bishops, to whom they passed on this priesthood, authority, and spiritual gifts.

In each place, the Christian faithful is united around their bishop. Our parish is a part of the Archdiocese of Westminster. This is our local church, our "particular church", and our bishop is His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols. He has four auxiliary bishops, who assist him in his role as shepherd of the flock of Westminster, including Bishop Hudson, whom we welcome this weekend.

His visit is an expression of our communion with Cardinal Nichols, and his care for us as members of the flock entrusted to his care. Bishop Hudson will celebrate the Eucharist for us, preach at the three Sunday Masses, and meet with various committees and individuals in the parish. After each Mass, there will be refreshments in the narthex, and he is looking forward to meet parishioners and to hear about the life, challenges, and blessings of our parish of Wapping.

The Baptism of the Lord

Today's feast marks the end of the season of Christmas and the beginning of Ordinary Time, in which we journey through the public ministry of the Lord Jesus: his teaching, parables, and miracles. The public ministry of Jesus began when Jesus was 30 years old and went to his cousin, St John the Baptist, for baptism in the River Jordan.

By this baptism, the Lord Jesus instituted for us the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. This Sacrament is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.

Today, we are reminded of our own baptisms by the sprinkling with holy water at Mass. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God, members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission.

The Lord bless you all in this week ahead, Fr Andrew.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Epiphany Chalk – If you missed out on the Epiphany chalk, blessed at Mass last weekend, there is some still in the church by the crib. You can use this to mark your front doors and bless your home for the year ahead. Please see last Sunday's newsletter for the details.

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

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. Friday 23rd May to Friday 30th May 2025, £1000 per person sharing (£380 single room supplement). Details of the route and the places through which we will walk are online. We have a few places left. To register:

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/events/camino/

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 School Admissions 2025-26 - Tours of the school for prospective parents each Tuesday at 9.30am. No appointment necessary. Please contact the School Office if you need to make a separate arrangement to visit us. The closing date for Reception to Year 6 is 15th January 2025, and for Nursery admissions is 16th February. There are spaces in most classes. 020 7709 0182

Certificates of Catholic Practice for primary school and nursery admissions in September 2025. Please complete this online form to request the Certificate of Catholic Practice (and other similar references) required for school admissions.

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

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.

Livestreaming – A reminder that Mass is livestreamed most days on our YouTube channel. The camera is focussed on the sanctuary, to avoid capturing images of the people at Mass. However, those standing in the front two pews are occasionally visible, as is the procession to Holy Communion. Any questions, speak to Fr Andrew.

REGULAR NOTICES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Winifred Potter, 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 18th January, 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 – Fridays 7.00-8.00pm in the church.

Prophets (Bible Timeline) – Final 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 this Sunday 12th January, 11am-12noon, in the Meeting Room, accessed via the Kitchen Garden.

Youth Group – Saturday 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.