St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February 2025

SAT 1 Feb	6.30pm		William & Kathleen Aldridge RIP
SUN 2	10.00am	+ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Kathy and Billie Harvey RIP
	6.30pm		Ravi & Chriss Kumar, & Kathleen Aspell RIP
MON 3	10.00am	Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury	Paris Family (Ints)
TUE 4	10.00am	Feria	Bianca and Matas (Ints)
WED 5	*No Mass*	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	
THU 6	**11.30am**	**Requiem Mass for Brenda Ruscoe RIP**	
	6.30pm	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	Bianca and Matas (Ints)
Fri 7	**10.00am**	Feria	Nora Fuller RIP (B'day)
SAT 8	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	James Earl Carter Jr RIP
	6.30pm		Mary and Liz Aldridge (Ints)
SUN 9	10.00am	+ FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)	Teresa Peppard RIP
	6.30pm		Bernadette Peace 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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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

FR ANDREW WRITES:

This Sunday: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2nd is the Presentation of the Lord. This year it falls on Sunday, and as a "Feast of the Lord" it replaces the usual Sunday liturgy. Although we have returned to the season of Ordinary Time, this is a last vestige of Christmas. In many parts of the world, the Nativity Crib remains until this day.

Under the Law of Moses, forty days after childbirth a mother was required to present herself to the priests in the Temple and offer sacrifice for purification. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and her husband Joseph, were faithful Israelites, living by the Law. On the day of Mary's purification, the Lord Jesus was also presented in the Temple and consecrated to the Lord. This was like another Epiphany, another revealing of the Son of God, this time to the priests of the Jewish religion. This Sunday is forty days after Christmas Day, hence our celebration this weekend.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelit procession for this feast. Later, the blessing and distribution of candles became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas. We will begin all the Masses this weekend with the blessing of candles.

Monday 3rd February: Memorial of St Blaise

St Blaise was a doctor in Sebastea, Armenia, in the 3rd century, who came to faith in Christ, was baptised, eventually became a bishop, and was martyred in 316. Following the miraculous cure of a child choking on a fishbone, he is the patron saint for protection against illnesses of the throat. A custom developed of blessing throats through the intercession of St Blaise using candles from Candlemas the day before.

We don't celebrate the Mass of St Blaise in this country. Instead, we have a diocesan feast of three archbishops of Canterbury: Laurence, Dunstan, and Theodore. Nonetheless, after Mass on Monday morning we will have the St Blaise blessing of throats for anyone who wishes.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

Change of Mass time: Friday 10.00am instead of 6.30pm.

Requiem Mass for Brenda Ruscoe RIP – This Thursday 11.30am. Please pray for the happy repose of her soul and for her family.

Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled – Our latest Bible Timeline study begins on Monday 10th February, 7pm, in the Presbytery. The Gospel of Luke, which we are reading at Sunday Mass this year, takes us on a journey that begins with the foretelling of the birth of St John the Baptist and culminates in the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Over eight weeks, we will witness key moments in salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, the public ministry of Jesus, his suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. There are parables found only in Luke, including the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the rich man and Lazarus, showing us the mercy and compassion that Jesus has for each one of his children. To register:
https://rcwapping.typeform.com/lukestudy

Infant Baptism Preparation – For parents with a child for Baptism. The preparation course will take place on Sunday 2nd and 9th March immediately after the 10am morning Mass in the sacristy. Attendance at both sessions is required. Please sign up using the link below: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/baptism

Youth Group for Years 7 to 13 – Thank you to all those who attended the youth group last Saturday. Date of our next session to be confirmed next week. The session will follow on from Mass at 6.30pm, in the Upper Room with faith-filled Catholic discussions, pizza, and fun activities. 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). To register: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/events/camino/

English Martyrs School Admissions 2025-26 - Tours of the school for prospective parents Tuesdays, 9.30am. No appointment necessary. Contact the School Office to visit at another time. Closing date for Nursery admissions is 16th February. There are spaces in most classes. 020 7709 0182

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes, Saturday 8th February, 2pm, Westminster Cathedral, including Anointing of the Sick. If you would like to attend, or to take a sick person as their helper, please speak to the Parish Office.

Mass for Bereaved Parents, Saturday 5th April, 2pm, Westminster Cathedral – Celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

Annual Mass for Matrimony, Saturday 17th May, 2.30pm, Westminster Cathedral – The Cardinal invites couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year (5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th+). Please email Fr Andrew if you have such a wedding anniversary this year and would like an invitation to attend.

REGULAR NOTICES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Winifred Potter, Joseph Célestin, Ann Sullivan, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen Franey.

And for the recently departed, including: Terence Bruin, Mary Joslin, Brenda Ruscoe.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 4th February, in The Turner's Old Star.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 6th February 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 8th February, 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.

Luke (Bible Timeline) – First session Monday 10th February, 7pm, Presbytery.

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

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. Every Sunday during term time, 11am-12noon, in the Meeting Room, accessed via the Kitchen Garden.

Youth Group – Next session TBC, Upper Room, for school 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

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DIOCESAN NOTICES

Chorister Opportunities at Westminster Cathedral Choir School – Boys join in years 4 or 5, with up to 100% bursaries available. Find out more in a 30-minute Zoom call on Wednesday 12th March, giving a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a chorister, what it means to board, and why being in a top choir is such a joyous experience.

Email: lfreeman@choirschool.com

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/

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.

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.