St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

9th February 2025

SAT 8 Feb	6.30pm	+ FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary & Liz Aldridge (Ints)
SUN 9	10.00am		Teresa Peppard RIP
	6.30pm		Bernadette Peace RIP
MON 10	10.00am	St Scholastica, Virgin	Ellen Blank RIP (B'day)
TUE 11	10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	James & Mary Grant RIP
WED 12	*No Mass*	Feria	
THUR 13	6.30pm	Feria	Martin & Derek Hoy RIP
FRI 14	6.30pm	SS CYRIL, Monk, & METHODIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	Ravi & Chriss Kumar RIP, Sheila Kumar (Ints), Kathleen Aspell RIP
SAT 15	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Private Intention
	6.30pm		James Kelly RIP (Anni.)
SUN 16	10.00am	+ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Michael Francis Hart RIP (B'day)
	6.30pm		Andrew von Bratt 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:

Jubilee 2025

On Christmas Eve last year, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee, a special year of God's grace. In the Book of Leviticus, the Lord instructed that a jubilee should be celebrated every 50th year, during which the mercy of God would be given in abundance, conflict and debts should be forgiven, and slaves and prisoners set free.

Pope Boniface VIII convoked the first jubilee of the Christian era in 1300, in response to war and plague, granting to the faithful the most ample indulgence possible, for the fullest pardon of sins, to those who confessed their sins and visited the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul in Rome. He intended that the jubilee be celebrated every 100 years, but in short order it came to be every 25 years, hence our celebration in 2025. Pope Francis has chosen "Pilgrims of Hope" as the theme for this jubilee.

The jubilee is marked by pilgrimages to the four major basilicas of Rome: St Peter, St John Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls, and St Mary Major. At the beginning of the year, the Holy Door in each basilica, usually bricked up, is unwalled and opened by the Pope or his cardinal delegate, for pilgrims to pass through during the jubilee year to receive the indulgence. More on that at another time.

There are special events here at home to mark the jubilee, to be advertised soon, including a "jubilee church" in each area of the diocese. For us that is St Mary & St Joseph in Poplar. There is also the possibility of receiving the indulgence without making a pilgrimage to Rome. Again, more soon.

Millions of pilgrims will travel to Rome this year for the jubilee. We are not planning an organised pilgrimage ourselves, but I am thinking of going to Rome in November for a few days, when it is a little quieter. I shall share the details nearer the time, so that if anyone wants to visit Rome at the same time, we can meet and there will be a simple programme of events for us to share together there.

The Holy Father will conclude the jubilee on the Epiphany, 6th January 2026, by closing the holy door in each of the major basilicas. I pray for each of you a share in the special gift of God's grace available to us this year, and the conversion it brings. Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

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

Parent & Baby Group, "Les bébés de Mary", Friday 28th February, 10.30am – We're excited to start this brand-new group and would love for you to join us! Meeting in the presbytery. Angie, Lucy, and Marie warmly welcome all parents with little ones (not yet walking) to come along for a relaxed and friendly gathering. It's a great chance to share in our faith, support one another on the amazing journey of parenthood, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee together. As the group grows, we hope to invite guest speakers to chat about different aspects of parenting and how it connects with our Catholic faith. We'd love to see you there!

Youth Group for Years 7 to 13 – Thank you to all those who attended the first meeting of the youth group. Date of our next session to be confirmed. Sessions follow Saturday 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

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.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 18th February, in The Turner's Old Star.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 13th February 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 15th February, 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.

Les bébés de Mary, Parent & Baby Group – Friday 28th February, 10.30am, Presbytery.

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. **This Sunday is the last session before half term returning 2nd March.**

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. This Sunday is the last session before half term, returning 2nd March.

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:

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.