St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

23rd February 2025

SAT 22 Feb	6.30pm	+ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Dora Israel RIP (B'day)
SUN 23	10.00am		Max Pasterny (B'day Ints)
	6.30pm		Holy Souls
MON 24	10.00am	Feria	Thomas Beardsmore & Family (Ints)
TUE 25	10.00am	Feria	Eddie Wright RIP
WED 26	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 27	6.30pm	Feria	Paris Family (Ints)
FRI 28	6.30pm	Feria	Walter Burke RIP
SAT 1 Mar	10.00am	ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales	Mary Crawford RIP
	6.30pm	+ EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Joan Mary Hodgkinson RIP Anni.
SUN 2	10.00am		Safe delivery of Matylda (Ints)
	6.30pm		Winifred Potter (B'day Ints)

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:

The Jubilee Indulgence

I wrote a fortnight ago that this is a jubilee year, celebrated every 25 years, during which there are special graces from God for conversion of life. One very particular grace is the jubilee indulgence, which is a special exercise of the power of binding and loosing that the Lord Jesus gave to the apostles on the day he rose from the dead. Indulgences are much misunderstood, but an important part of the Church's teaching: https://www.catholic.com/tract/primer-on-indulgences

The principle means of obtaining the indulgence is a pilgrimage to Rome during this jubilee year, visiting at least one of the four major papal basilicas and passing through its freshly opened holy door. I am planning to go with parishioners in November.

Not everyone can travel to Rome, and so the Holy Father Pope Francis has decreed alternative means of obtaining the jubilee indulgence:

- Visit a local jubilee church. For us that means Westminster Cathedral or St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar. There, participate in Holy Mass and spend time in prayer, including the Our Father, the Creed, and prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Acts of love and sacrifice, including: feeding the hungry, visiting the sick or imprisoned, assisting those in need, praying for the dead, comforting the afflicted, forgiving offences, fasting and abstinence on Fridays, etc.
- Attend spiritual exercises, such as parish missions, catechesis on the Catechism or Second Vatican Council, and faith formation activities.
- For those sick, housebound, and imprisoned: pray the Our Father, the Creed, prayers for the jubilee year, and offer one's sufferings and hardships with Christ.

In addition, as for all indulgences, within 20 days before or after: go to Confession, receive Holy Communion with reverence, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. You might especially pray for Pope Francis at this time of particular sickness.

You can receive the indulgence once a day, and ask God to grant the grace to you, to someone else living, or to someone who has died. You can even receive it a second time in a day, if you apply it to a soul in Purgatory.

Praying that God's grace and mercy is fruitful in your life this special year, Fr Andrew.

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.

March: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PARISH NOTICES

Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend, 8-9th March, including Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, inspirational talks, fellowship, and more. Led by Catholic evangelists John Hesketh and Daniella Stephens. Full programme on the noticeboard and online. Saturday begins with Mass at 10am and concludes at 4.30pm. Sunday begins with Mass at 10am and concludes at 6.15pm. Lunch is provided both days, for those who wish, but please register your attendance:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/events/lifeinthespirit/

SVP Volunteers Needed – The Wapping St Vincent de Paul Society is still actively looking for volunteers to help with home visits and Sunday hot meal deliveries. For more information, or if you are able to volunteer a few hours every month, email:
PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk

SVP PAT Tests – The SVP can only accept donations of electrical items for beneficiaries if they are PAT tested . If you are able and willing occasionally to carry out PAT tests for the SVP, or know someone who could do so, please contact:
PresidentA220816@svp.org.uk

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 – Angie, Lucy, and Marie warmly welcome all parents with little ones (not yet walking) to come along for a relaxed and friendly gathering, meeting in the Presbytery. It's a great chance to share in our faith, support one another, 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.

Youth Group for Years 7 to 13 – Next session Saturday 1st March, following Mass at 6.30pm, in the Upper Room, with faith-filled Catholic discussions, pizza, and fun activities. Please register:
http://rcwapping.typeform.com/youthgroup

VE Day Celebrations, 8th May – This year is the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. The Turks Head Charity are looking for memories from people living or working in Wapping about VE Day. Those memories can be from any place affected by the Second World War and even if not a photo, maybe just a passed down nugget of information about that time. Please send any material, or if further information is required or help with scanning photographs/articles, contact Amanda: turksheadcharity@gmail.com

REGULAR NOTICES

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

And for the recently departed, including: Julie Carling.

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

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 27th February 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 1st March, 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.

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

Luke (Bible Timeline) – Next session Monday 24th February, 7pm, Presbytery.

Praise and Worship Group – Fridays 7-8pm 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. Next session 2nd March, in the Meeting Room, accessed via the Kitchen Garden.

Youth Group – Next session Sat 1st March, 7.30pm, Upper Room, 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

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 for an invitation.

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

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. No sessions during 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.