St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

2nd March 2025

SAT 1 Mar	6.30pm		Joan Mary Hodgkinson RIP Anni.
SUN 2	10.00am	+ EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Matylda (Ints for a safe delivery)
	6.30pm		Winifred Potter (B'day Ints)
MON 3	10.00am	Feria	Dasha Nekrasova (Ints)
TUE 4	10.00am	Feria	Vocations to the Priesthood
WED 5	**10.00am**	**ASH WEDNESDAY**	Anne Frances Robbins RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP
THU 6	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Private Intention
FRI 7	6.30pm	Lent Feria	John Clark RIP
SAT 8	10.00am	Lent Feria	Francis Kirkland RIP & Brenda (Ints)
	6.30pm		William & Kathleen Aldridge RIP
SUN 9	10.00am	+ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Anna Khachiyan (Ints)
	6.30pm		Ivy Wolk (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 Season of Lent

Lent begins this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Please spend some time considering your Lenten resolutions. They are meant to be opportunities for God's grace to detach us from our worldly addictions and to remind us that we belong to Christ and not to the world.

- **Fast** (give something up) to detach yourself from food and other worldly pleasures.
- **Alms** (charitable giving) to detach you from money and possessions and grow in solidarity with the poor.
- **Prayer** to detach you from ego and pride.

Whatever you choose, the idea is not to be miserable! Our resolutions are meant to strengthen our will, and restore the joy and freedom we have in Christ Jesus.

There are a small number of "Walk With Me" booklets for Lent at the back of the church, giving a short reflection and suggestion for prayer for each day of Lent. They are £1. If you fancy something deeper or more challenging, I'm reading Bishop Erik Varden's book for Lent, "Healing Wounds", about how Christ's wounds are able to heal us and the world. He is the bishop of Trondheim in Norway but was a Cistercian monk and Abbot of Mount St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire, and is an excellent writer. Amazon has a Kindle edition, too.

https://stpauls.org.uk/entering-the-twofold-mystery-1.html
https://amzn.eu/d/7MkNqPU

Mass on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 10am and 6.30pm.

A reminder, too, that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. We abstain from meat (and maybe alcohol and other pleasures) and we also fast (those who are able), perhaps eating only a single simple meal in the day.

During Lent our celebration of Mass assumes a more sombre character. There is less singing, no Gloria, no flowers in church, and we refrain from singing or saying "Alleluia". Later in Lent you will see the statues veiled, too.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Mass with the imposition of ashes will be at 10.00am and 6.30pm.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays in Lent, 7.00pm (after the evening Mass).

Lenten Alms (Jesuit Refugee Service) – As usual, our parish is nominating the Jesuit Refugee Service, based here in Wapping, as the recipient of our Lenten almsgiving. In Lent we fast, pray and give alms. You may have your own almsgiving project in mind, but if not, the money box nearest the sacristy door is for Lenten alms donations. More information about the work of JRS: jrsuk.net

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/

Funeral Mass for Julie Carling, Monday 17th March, 1.30pm. Please pray for the happy repose of her soul, and for her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Youth Group for Years 7 to 13 – Next session this 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

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 can 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 this Sunday 2nd and next immediately after the 10am morning Mass in the sacristy. Attendance at both sessions is required. Please sign up:
https://rcwapping.typeform.com/baptism

Parent & Baby Group, "Les bébés de Mary", Friday 28th March 10.30am – Thank you to all those who came to the group on Friday, it was lovely to meet our youngest parishioners of St Patrick's. Please do come along to our next session in the presbytery, all parents with little ones (not yet walking) and those who are expecting are welcome to this relaxed and friendly gathering. 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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

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 this Tuesday 4th March, in The Turner's Old Star.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session Thursday 13th March 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 8th March, 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 March, 10.30am, Presbytery.

Luke (Bible Timeline) – Next session Monday 10th March, 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. Sundays in term time, 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

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:

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.