# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

9th March 2025

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| **SAT 8 Mar** | 6.30pm | | William & Kathleen Aldridge RIP |
| **SUN 9** | 10.00am ▶ | + FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | Anna Khachiyan (Ints) |
| | 6.30pm | | Ivy Wolk (Ints) |
| **MON 10** | 10.00am ▶ | Lent Feria | Paris Family (Ints) |
| **TUE 11** | 10.00am ▶ | Lent Feria | Dan McAlinden RIP Anni. |
| **WED 12** | *No Mass* | Lent Feria | |
| **THU 13** | 6.30pm ▶ | Lent Feria | Biddy Sullivan RIP Anni. |
| **FRI 14** | 6.30pm ▶ | Lent Feria | Peggy & Harry Paris RIP (B'day) |
| **SAT 15** | 10.00am ▶ | Lent Feria | Rev. Richard Haggis RIP |
| | 6.30pm | | Private Intention |
| **SUN 16** | 10.00am ▶ | + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | Charles & Kathleen Barnett RIP |
| | 6.30pm | | Margaret Harries RIP Anni. |

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:** Sunday 5.45-6.15pm. Friday 7.30-8.00pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday 7.00pm

**The Rosary:** Thursday 7.00pm. **Praise and Worship:** Friday 7.30-8.00pm.

youtube.com /rcwapping | facebook.com /rcwapping | x.com @rcwapping

**Parish Priest:** Fr Andrew Connick
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*(Day Off: Wednesday)*

**In Residence:** Fr Daniele Falcomer

**Safeguarding:** Adele Schirinzi
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**PARISH OFFICE:** Mon, Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

**Parish Secretary:** Lucy Knights
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## FR ANDREW WRITES:

### The Sacrament of Penance

One important part of our individual preparation in Lent is to make Confession. Fr Daniele and I will be available on the Fridays in Lent, after Stations of the Cross, 7.30-8.00pm, and any Saturday or Sunday 6pm. You can also ask us after Mass any day, or contact me to arrange another time. Please don't worry if it's been a long time.

First, it is important to prepare by making an Examination of Conscience. A simple version is on the parish website: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/confession/

This is a reminder of the rite itself:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Bless me, father, for I have sinned. It has been *(how long?)* since my last Confession. I am single/married. These are my sins…**

*Name your sins clearly and briefly. When you are finished, indicate to the priest by the following or similar:* **For these and all my sins I am truly sorry.**

*The priest might give some counsel, and a penance to perform later. He will ask you to make an "Act of Contrition" (this is one version, you might know another):*

**O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His Name, O Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest will say the prayer of absolution. At the words "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father…" make the sign of the Cross. The priest will conclude with "Go in peace" or similar. The response is:* **Thanks be to God.**

May the Lord bless each of you in this week ahead, Fr Andrew.

### 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

**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

**CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day**, Friday 14th March – We are asked to pray and eat simply this Friday, in solidarity with the poorest of our brothers and sisters around the world, donating the money we save to support the work of CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Oversees Development), working internationally with Caritas. There will be a retiring collection next weekend. Envelopes for Gift Aid are available at the back of the church.

**Lenten Liturgy** – You will notice during Lent that our celebration of Mass assumes a more sombre character. There is less singing, no Gloria, no flowers in church, and we refrain from singing "Alleluia". Later in Lent you will see the statues veiled, too.

**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.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar** – This Sunday you are welcome to join after 10am Mass for praise and worship, inspirational talks, fellowship, and more. Led by Catholic evangelists John Hesketh and Daniella Stephens. Full programme on the noticeboard and online. Concludes at 3pm.

**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

**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.

**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

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

**And for the recently departed,** including: Julie Carling.

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

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

**Church Cleaning** – Saturday 22nd 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 March, 10.30am, Presbytery.

**Luke (Bible Timeline)** – Next session Monday 10th March, 7pm, Presbytery.

**Praise and Worship Group** – Fridays 7.30-8.00pm 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. Sundays in term-time, in the Meeting Room, accessed via the Kitchen Garden.

**Youth Group** – Next session TBC, Saturdays 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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## 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.