St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

16th March 2025

SAT 15 Mar	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 16	10.00am ▶	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Charles & Kathleen Barnett RIP
	6.30pm		Margaret Harries RIP Anni.
MON 17	10.00am ▶	**ST PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Patron of the Parish**	The Kumar and Aspell families, living and deceased
	1.30pm	**Funeral Mass of Julie Carling RIP**	
TUE 18	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	James Aspell RIP
WED 19	*No Mass*	**SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	
THU 20	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Mary Grant RIP
FRI 21	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	James Aspell RIP Anni.
SAT 22	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	George Feldenkreis RIP
	6.30pm		Birthday Blessings
SUN 23	10.00am ▶	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Helen Clark RIP
	6.30pm		Assunta Capocci RIP

Masses marked ▶ are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Friday 7.30pm; 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.

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Parish Solemnity of St Patrick

Monday is St Patrick's Day. As he is patron of our parish, we celebrate his feast as a "solemnity", the most solemn of feast days. Wednesday is another solemnity, of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is no fasting and abstinence on solemnities. In celebration of Ss Patrick and Joseph you can relax your Lenten fast!

St Patrick was a Roman Briton, born in the fifth century. At 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland, escaping six years later. He was ordained a priest and returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel, with great success. He was consecrated bishop and established the dioceses of Ireland as they remain today, dying in 493AD. He is buried at Downpatrick, on the site of Down Cathedral.

The Catholic dockworkers in Wapping were of mainly Irish descent and so, when Cardinal Manning established the mission here in 1871, it was dedicated to St Patrick. For many years we were called "St Patrick-in-the-East" to distinguish us from the parish of St Patrick, Soho Square.

You might offer a prayer to our heavenly patron this week:

Glorious Saint Patrick,
you are honoured as one of the greatest evangelizers
and true defenders of our faith.

Please obtain for me the same zeal for Christ
that enabled you to bring the light of the true faith to all of Ireland.
Intercede for me and place my special intentions before Christ, especially:
(State your intentions here.)

May my petition receive a favourable response
if it be for the greater honour and glory of God and my own soul.

Saint Patrick, through your faith and hard work
you succeeded in spreading Christianity.
Obtain for me the grace to joyfully take up my own responsibility
to evangelize in the name of Jesus Christ and the holy Catholic Church.

Our Father… Hail Mary… Glory Be…
Saint Patrick, Evangelist, Patron of Ireland and Patron of Wapping, pray for us.

Please God, we will be able to use our parish centre again soon, and better celebrate events like this as a parish community. Entrusting you all to St Patrick, 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).

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Fridays 7.30pm (after Stations of the Cross, and during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament), Saturdays and Sundays 6.00pm.

Thank you to our parishioners who organised and contributed to the Life in the Spirit Seminar last weekend, to John Hesketh and Daniella Stephens who led it. We pray that it proves fruitful for those who participated.

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 – Last Friday we were asked to pray and eat simply, 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. After all Masses this weekend there will be a retiring collection. Envelopes for Gift Aid available at the back of church.

Funeral Masses:

- **Julie Carling RIP**, Monday 17th March, 1.30pm.
- **Teresa Bryan RIP**, Tuesday 25th March, 10.00am.

Please pray for the happy repose of their souls, and for their families. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Parent & Baby Group, "Les bébés de Mary", Friday 28th March 10.30am – For parents with little ones (not yet walking) and those who are expecting, a relaxed and friendly gathering in the Presbytery with Lucy, Angie, and Marie. 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.

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

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.

REGULAR NOTICES

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

And for the recently departed, including: Julie Carling, Winifred Potter, Teresa Bryan.

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

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 20th 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 17th 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



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.