St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

23rd March 2025

	SAT 22 Mar	6.30pm		Birthday Blessings
	SUN 23	10.00am	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Helen Clark RIP
		6.30pm		Assunta Capocci RIP
	MON 24	10.00am	Lent feria	Private Intention
	TUE 25	**8.00am**	**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP B'day
		10.00am	**Funeral Mass of Theresa Bryan RIP**	
	WED 26	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
	THU 27	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Matas & Bianca (Ints)
	FRI 28	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Matas & Bianca (Ints)
	SAT 29	***No Mass***	Lent Feria	
		6.30pm		Sue-Helen Steyn (Ints)
	SUN 30	10.00am	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)	Monica Clark RIP
		6.30pm		Christina Kumar & Kathleen Aspell 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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In Residence: Fr Daniele Falcomer

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

God's Mercy in this Jubilee Year

The Jubilee, celebrated every 25 years, is a year of special grace and mercy from the Lord, a year that calls for our conversion, a turning back to the Lord again where our life has drifted away from him. We are called to put God at the centre of our lives. The grace to do this, to begin again with the Lord, is given in the Sacrament of Penance, in Confession. The mercy of God, given as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus, comes to us a personal word of forgiveness in that Sacrament.

Confession, especially to name aloud our sins, can be difficult, especially so when it has been a long time, or when you find it difficult to come to a priest you know. Yet it is essential to grow in the spiritual life. There is a great opportunity this coming Wednesday, 7pm, in our local jubilee church, St Mary and St Joseph, Poplar (E14 6DU). There will be a short service of reconciliation, and then visiting priests from around the deanery will be available for Confession.

A short examination of conscience, to better prepare for Confession, and a reminder of the rite itself, is available online: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/confession/

Selection Advisory Conference

Next weekend is the annual Selection Advisory Conference at Allen Hall Seminary. It's the penultimate step for those applying this year to enter seminary and begin formation for the priesthood. Candidates are interviewed by a panel comprised of priests and laypeople, drawn from across the diocese, who make recommendations to the Cardinal. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the candidates and selectors. I am responsible for this process, as Vocations Director, and shall be away next weekend. My thanks to Fr Daniele for looking after things in my absence.

God bless you all for the 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

Changes to Mass times this week:

- **Tuesday 25th March**, Solemnity of the Annunciation, Mass at **8am**.
- **Saturday 29th March**, no morning Mass.

Easter Flowers – At Masses this weekend, there will be a collection for Easter flowers.

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

Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service, Wednesday 26th March, 7pm, St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar, (the Jubilee church for our area of the diocese) with the possibility of Confession with several visiting priests.

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

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

Funeral Mass of Theresa Bryan RIP, Tuesday 25th March, 10.00am – Please pray for the happy repose of her soul, and for her family.

Parent & Baby Group, "Les bébés de Mary", This 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. Please do come along.

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, Nora McHale-Paoletti.

And for the recently departed, including: Winifred Potter, Theresa Bryan, Canon Bernard Scholes.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 1st April, in The Turner's Old Star.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 3rd April, 7.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 29th 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 24th March, 7pm, Presbytery.

Praise and Worship Group – Resumes on Fridays, 7-8pm, after Easter.

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 sessions 22nd March and 5th April, 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.