St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Laetare Sunday (Year C)

30th March 2025

SAT 29 Mar	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
MON 31	10.00am	Lent Feria	Private Intention
TUE 1 Apr	10.00am	Lent Feria	Robert Cook (Ints)
WED 2	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU 3	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Mary & Ivor Burgoyne RIP
FRI 4	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Patricia & Family (Ints)
SAT 5	10.00am	Lent Feria	Manuel Gonzalez-Meza RIP
	6.30pm		William & Kathleen Aldridge RIP
SUN 6	10.00am	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Julian D'Arcy Gray 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:

Laetare Sunday…

This Fourth Sunday of Lent takes its name from the Latin of the entrance antiphon for Mass: Rejoice, O Jerusalem! "*Lætare, Ierusalem"*. We have just passed the midpoint of Lent, and this is marked by a slight relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten season. In church, just for a day, flowers may be used for decoration, and the organ may be played more fully; we use rose pink vestments, as though a little Easter light is now shining through the usual Lenten purple.

Outside of church, there is a relaxation of the usual Lenten fasting. In England, a Medieval tradition anticipated Easter with simnel cake, a light fruitcake with layers of marzipan and eleven marzipan balls for the eleven faithful apostles.

…and Mothering Sunday

Also connected with Laetare Sunday in the British Isles is Mothering Sunday. From the Middle Ages, this Sunday you would visit your "mother church", meaning the church in which you were baptised and raised, and visit family at home and celebrate. Our modern Mothering Sunday celebration comes from this tradition.

We give thanks to God today and ask his blessing on our mothers, and on those who have taken on the role of mother in our lives. But this is also a difficult day for some. We hold before the Lord the souls of our mothers who have died, and we ask his blessing on those who have a painful and unfulfilled longing to be mothers.

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.

April: For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

PARISH NOTICES

Passiontide Veils – Volunteers needed this Thursday, 7pm, to veil the statues and paintings ready for Passiontide.

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.

Youth Group Penitential Service and Confessions, Saturday 5th April, 5.00-6.30pm: Our parish youth group are meeting for an afternoon of catechesis and spiritual preparation for Easter, including the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. Please note that this meeting is at a different time to usual.

Good Friday Art Workshop for Children, 18th April, 10am-1pm, for St Patrick's and hosted at Pollyanna (Raine House). For children of primary school age; under 5s must be accompanied by parents/guardians. Please make a note. More details to follow.

Funeral Mass of Winifred Potter RIP, Tuesday 22nd April, 10.00am – Please pray for the happy repose of her soul, and for her family.

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

Parent & Baby Group, "Les bébés de Mary", Friday 2nd May, 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 12th April, 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 2nd May, 10.30am, Presbytery.

Luke (Bible Timeline) – Next session Monday 31st 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, in the Meeting Room, accessed via the Kitchen Garden. This Sunday is the last session. Resumes Sunday 27th April.

Youth Group – Next session Saturday 5th April, 5pm, 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. This weekend 30th March is the last session before Easter. No sessions during the Easter School Break. Sessions resume 27th April.

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.