St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

6th April 2025

SAT 5 Apr	6.30pm		William & Kathleen Aldridge RIP
SUN 6	10.00am ▶	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Private Intention
	6.30pm		Julian D'Arcy Gray RIP
MON 7	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	Bridget (Breda) Shaw RIP
TUE 8	**8.00am** ▶	Lent Feria	Paris Family (Ints)
WED 9	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU 10	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Mabel Teo RIP
FRI 11	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Private intention
SAT 12	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	Terri Bellis & Family (Ints)
SUN 13	6.30pm	**+ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**	People of the Parish
	10.00am ▶		Private Intention
	6.30pm		Alison Sellers 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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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Passiontide Veils – This last fortnight of Lent is "Passiontide". Our attention is focussed more keenly on the sufferings of Christ, and we enter a time of deeper penitence. The crosses, statues, and images in church have been veiled in violet. Throughout the year, we glory in the crucifix and the saints as signs of Christ's victory over sin and death. In Passiontide, we are reminded instead of Christ's suffering, and those signs of his victory are obscured. The Stations of the Cross, alone, are left unveiled, for this reason. The celebration of his victory must wait until Good Friday, on which the crosses are unveiled, and the Easter Vigil, for which the saints are unveiled. The veils create a sense of anticipation for our celebration of Easter.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Next Sunday**,** 10.00am Mass will begin in the Rose Garden (opposite the Marine Police Headquarters), with the blessing of palms and procession to church. This commemorates the joyful entry into Jerusalem of the Lord Jesus, just a few days before his Passion and Death. (In case of rain, Mass will begin in the church as usual).

The Saturday and Sunday evening Masses next weekend will take place in church as usual, and will include the blessing of palms.

Cardinal's Pastoral Letter on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – This weekend, the Cardinal has asked that a pastoral letter be read at all Masses, concerning grave concerns about the process by which Parliament is considering the legalisation of assisted suicide. He asks that we each write again to our local MP (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA). There are cards available for this purpose.

- Poplar and Limehouse: Apsana Begum (apsana.begum.mp@parliament.uk)
- Bethnal Green and Stepney: Rushanara Ali (rushanara.ali.mp@parliament.uk)

Appointment of new Archbishop of Liverpool – It was announced on Saturday that the Holy Father has appointed Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of our diocese, as the new Archbishop of Liverpool. We wish the Archbishop-Elect well and assure him of our prayers for his new ministry.

Easter Break – To the many families going away this Easter, I wish you safe travels and the Lord's blessing for this Holy Week and Easter. These are the greatest feasts of the Church's year and celebrate the heart of our Christian faith. Wherever you are, please try to join the Paschal Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) if you can.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday 17th April (Maundy Thursday)

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 18th April (Good Friday)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 19th April (Holy Saturday)

8.30pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection)

10.00am Easter Mass

(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

PARISH NOTICES

This Week: Tuesday Mass at 8am, instead of 10am.

Easter Offering – If you are away over Easter, please consider making your Easter offering before you go. The offerings at Christmas and Easter make up the priest's salary for the year. There are donation envelopes at the back of church, just write "Easter Offering" and place in the collection or drop at the Presbytery (Dundee Street).

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

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 let us know if you will be attending by signing up using the link below. Contact Lucy or Angie for more information.

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/to/TW5Yutod

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

SVP Foreign Currency Collection – Many thanks to all who have contributed foreign coins and bank notes, old British currency and small coins to the collection. We have raised a fantastic £209.00 so far, half of which will support the SVP's work nationally and half will go to the Wapping SVP to support our work in our local community. The collection continues: donations should be left in a bag or envelope marked for the SVP in the sacristy or the Presbytery letter box.

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.

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.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 15th April, in The Turner's Old Star.

Catholicism for the Curious – Resumes after Easter.

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 14th April, 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. Resumes Sunday 27th April.

Youth Group – Next session Sat 26th April, 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

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.

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.