# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year C)

13th April 2025

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| **SAT 12 Apr** | 6.30pm | | People of the Parish |
| **SUN 13** | 10.00am ▶ | **+ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** | Private Intention |
| | 6.30pm | | Alison Sellers RIP |
| **MON 14** | 10.00am ▶ | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK | Private Intention |
| **TUE 15** | 10.00am ▶ | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK | Private Intention |
| **WED 16** | *No Mass* | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK | |
| | | ***The Sacred Paschal Triduum*** | |
| **THU 17** | **6.30pm** ▶ | **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** | Kathleen Aldridge RIP |
| **FRI 18** | **3.00pm** ▶ | **The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** | |
| | **6.30pm** | Stations of the Cross | |
| **SAT 19** | **8.30pm** ▶ | **The Easter Vigil in the Holy night** | The Kumar & Aspell families living and deceased |
| **SUN 20** | 10.00am ▶ | **+ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** | Sorasak A. Macdonald RIP |
| | ~~6.30pm~~ | *No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday* | |

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

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession):** Saturday & Sunday 6.00pm.

**Church Open for Individual Prayer:** Daily 7.00am-7.00pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Resumes after Easter.

**Stations of the Cross:** Good Friday 6.30pm

**The Rosary:** Resumes after Easter.

**Praise and Worship:** Resumes after Easter.

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Andrew Connick
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## FR ANDREW WRITES:

### The Sacred Paschal Triduum

This is Holy Week, the most important week of the liturgical year. During Holy Week, the Church recalls the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and celebrates the startling revelation of his Resurrection from the dead.

The culmination of Holy Week is three days of prayer and worship. These three celebrations are really a single liturgy encompassing the whole mystery at the heart of our faith:

- The **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Maundy Thursday, **6.30pm**) at which we commemorate the gift of the Blessed Eucharist, the means given to us by Christ of participating in the saving death he underwent on the Cross.
- The **Celebration of the Passion** (Good Friday, **3.00pm**) at which we mourn the death of the Lord Jesus, but also celebrate his death as the fulfilment of the Incarnation and the source of our salvation.
- The **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night** (Holy Saturday, **8.30pm**) at which the Church remembers the joyous and startling revelation of Christ's resurrection from the dead, and the promise of our eternal salvation in him.

These three celebrations are referred to together as the "Sacred Paschal Triduum". They make the greatest sense when celebrated together. Our preparations throughout Lent are not simply about self-improvement and detachment from sin and worldly addictions, but a preparation for this great act of worship. I encourage you to celebrate together our salvation in Jesus Christ.

**Please note there is Mass at 10.00am on Easter Sunday, but no 6.30pm Mass.**

If you are going away for the Easter holidays, I wish you and your families the blessings of this holy time. Please do join the celebrations in the parish local to you.

May the Lord bless this Holy Week, 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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Silence after Palm Sunday Mass** – One of the ways we mark the beginning of Holy Week is to finish the Palm Sunday Mass in silence. You are asked to respect the solemnity of this time by departing the church as quietly as possible after Mass.

**Chrism Mass, Tuesday 15th April, 12noon, Westminster Cathedral** – The priests of the diocese gather with Cardinal Nichols and the auxiliary bishops to bless the new holy oils to be used for the sacraments in the coming year, and renew their ordination promises. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Altar Servers for Holy Week** – Inviting all altar servers to serve during the Holy Week and Easter liturgies, to mark this greatest week in the Church's year with solemnity. Please let Fr Andrew know.

**Good Friday Art Workshop for Children**, 18th April, 10am-1pm, for St Patrick's and hosted at Pollyanna (Raine House, E1W 3RL). 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/goodfriworkshop

**Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 6.30pm**, in addition to the 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

**Preparations for Easter, Saturday 8th April, 10.30am** – There is lots to do to prepare and decorate the church for Easter, and we need help next Saturday, 10.30am. With enough volunteers, it will take an hour at the most. Please come and help if you can.

**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).

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

**Quiz Night,** Friday 9th May, 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre. Hosted by Daniel Brennan. Teams of 6, £5 per person. There will be a bar with drinks and snacks. Contact Joann in the Parish Office to register: 020 7481 2202 | joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

**"The Westminster Way", Saturday 10th May** – This is a walking pilgrimage for this Jubilee year, from English Martyrs, Tower Hill, to Westminster Cathedral, walking in the footsteps of our local saints. Weather permitting, Fr Andrew will lead a group departing from St Patrick's at 11am. The total route is about 6 miles. There will be a few stops on the way. To help us with numbers, please register:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/westminsterway

## 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 19th April, 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 2nd May, 10.30am, Presbytery.

**Luke (Bible Timeline)** – Final meeting Monday 14th April, 7pm, in the 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.