St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

11th May 2025

SAT 10 May	6.30pm		Bianca's Family (Int)
SUN 11	10.00am	**+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Christina Kumar & Kathleen Aspell RIP
MON 12	10.00am	Easter Feria	Bianca and Matas (Int)
TUE 13	10.00am	Our Lady of Fatima	Madeleine (B'day Ints)
WED 14	*No Mass*	SAINT MATTHIAS, Apostle	
THU 15	6.30pm	Mass for the Pope	Private Intention
FRI 16	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Frank Game RIP (Anni.)
SAT 17	10.00am	Easter Feria	Joan Mary Hodgkinson RIP
	6.30pm		Monica Clark RIP
SUN 18	10.00am	**+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Ravi Kumar RIP

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: Friday 7.00-8.00pm.

The Rosary: Thursday 7.00pm. **Praise and Worship:** Friday 7.00-8.00pm.

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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:

Good Shepherd Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Each year, on this fourth Sunday of Eastertide, we hear a part of the Gospel in which the Lord Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd, who calls, leads, and protects his flock. We pray on this Sunday for priests – those Christ has called to shepherd his people – for vocations to the priesthood, and for our seminarians currently in formation for priesthood.

We ordained three priests for our archdiocese last summer, and have fifteen men in seminary. We are not ordaining as many as there are priests retiring and dying. That will soon require some difficult decisions about the future of our parishes. Please pray to the Lord to raise up new and holy priestly vocations.

The good news is that the number of young men coming forward is increasing. You may know that I am the Vocations Director for our archdiocese, responsible for accompanying men who are considering priesthood through the selection process that leads to seminary. It is a humbling and rewarding task, and we are seeing a definite new movement of the Holy Spirit. Our diocesan seminary, Allen Hall, has 50 seminarians in total, including men for other dioceses and religious orders, and next year it looks like it will be at full capacity. Please keep up the prayers.

Priests come from all sorts of backgrounds and situations. They receive their call at different ages. The way in which a call is manifested can be very different. If you wonder if the Lord might be calling you, please speak to me! And if there is someone you think would make a good priest, please tell them. The Lord may well use you to reach out to that person.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

We give thanks to God for the election of Pope Leo XIV as the 267th successor of St Peter. I enjoyed watching the film Conclave with some parishioners a fortnight ago, but much as it makes good drama, I doubt many (if any) of the Cardinal fathers processing into the Sistine Chapel on Wednesday were angling to be elected. Pope Leo has called it a cross and a mission, and asked us to pray for him. We will offer the Mass for the Pope this Thursday evening, 6.30pm, and the Rosary afterwards at 7pm.

Finally, a word of thanks to Fr Daniele for looking after the parish while I was away!

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

PARISH NOTICES

This Weekend: Retiring Collection for the Priest Training Fund – There are currently 51 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, thirteen for our own diocese, plus one in Rome and one in Valladolid. Last year four men were ordained to the priesthood. Your generosity supports these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Thank you to Daniel Brennan and Joann for organising another great quiz night here at St Patrick's, the first event in the Parish Hall for quite a while. A great night was had by all.

Next Weekend: Welcome Event and Volunteering Fair, following Sunday 10am Mass, 18th May. This is a chance for some refreshments with other parishioners, and to find out about the different ways you can get more involved in the life of the parish. There will be opportunities to leave your details for the different groups and ministries after the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses, too. Thank you to everyone who supports the work of the Kingdom of God here in Wapping in every way.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Our Lady of Willesden May Procession, Sunday 11th May, 3pm – The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, at which the preacher will be the Rt Rev. Hugh Allan, O.Praem.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop John Sherrington, Thursday 15th May, 5.30pm, Westminster Cathedral. Bishop John was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of our archdiocese in 2011, and will soon leave us to be installed as Archbishop of Liverpool.

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.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Volunteer nurses needed and youth volunteers (16-18) – Led by Cardinal Nichols, 25th July to 1st August. Deadline for registration for all volunteers and pilgrims 30th April.
https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes | elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk | 020 7798 9173

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 deceased, including: Fr Francis Press, Fr Aidan Sharratt.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 13th May, in The Turner's Old Star.

Catholicism for the Curious – More information to follow shortly.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 24th May, 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 – Next session to be confirmed.

Praise and Worship Group – Fridays, 7-8pm, in church with Exposition.

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.

Youth Group – 7.30pm, Upper Room, school years 7-13. Next session Sat 17th May.

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

Parent & Baby Group, "Les bébés de Mary"– 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. Next session to be confirmed soon. Please contact Lucy in the parish office if you would like to come along.

lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

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 4th May.

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.