St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

18th May 2025

SAT 17 May	6.30pm		Monica Clark RIP
SUN 18	10.00am	**+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Ravi Kumar RIP
MON 19	10.00am	Easter Feria	Fiona Browne (Ints)
TUE 20	10.00am	Easter Feria	Marek Pasterny (Thanksgiving)
WED 21	*No Mass*		
THU 22	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Adrian Tobin RIP (B'day)
FRI 23	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Wapping Camino Pilgrims (Ints)
SAT 24	10.00am	Easter Feria	Izabela & Baby (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 25	10.00am	**+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	Fr Digby Samuels RIP (B'day)
	6.30pm		Chriss 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
andrewconnick@rcdow.org.uk *(Day Off: Wednesday)*

In Residence: Fr Daniele Falcomer

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lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Welcome and Volunteering

We are fortunate to have a vibrant parish community, and I am grateful that the Lord has drawn each one of you here to this church. I want to say a word of welcome to those of you who are new to Wapping and new to St Patrick's. It is the nature of this part of London that there are always new people arriving. If you haven't done so already, please introduce yourself to me after Mass one Sunday.

Many activities make up the life of the parish, and these rely on parishioners to volunteer their time and talents. Thank you to all of you who give of yourselves so generously, in every way, to build up the Kingdom of God. We always need more help! As the Lord reminds us, it is in giving that you receive, and volunteering in the parish is a great way to meet other parishioners and gain support in your own life of faith.

There is an opportunity this Sunday, after 10am Mass, to spend some time together as a community and to find out more about the groups and ministries in need of help. Please think about how you might contribute to the life of our parish. Whether or not you can come on Sunday morning, there is a form to fill in to find out more information, or you can use this QR code to do so electronically.

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/volunteering

Camino de Santiago

I am travelling with a group of parishioners this coming Friday to walk 140km of the Camino de Santiago, the walking pilgrimage to the shrine of St James in the city of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, north-west Spain. Please pray for us! We will keep you all in our prayers as we make this pilgrimage. Thank you, once again, to Fr Daniele for looking after the parish (and my dogs!) while I am away.

Continued Easter blessings to you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

May: For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

PARISH NOTICES

The Little Sisters of the Poor, based at St Anne's Home in Stoke Newington are hosting a garden party this Sunday 18th May from 1.45pm to 4pm and have reached out to invite parishioners of St Patrick's. Canon Digby Samuels RIP, who was Parish Priest here 1999-2012, is laid to rest in the grounds.

Priest Training Fund – Thank you for your generosity to the retiring collection last weekend for the Priest Training Fund, which pays for Allen Hall Seminary and for the formation of our seminarians for priesthood. There is still the chance to donate using the card machines or the envelopes at the back of church. We will share the sum raised when the final total is tallied.

Children in School Year 2 – We encourage all parents of children currently in year 2 to begin sending them to Sunday morning catechesis, in preparation for First holy Communion classes next year.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Talk: 'The Holy Spirit – Taste and Dynamism of Hope', Saturday 7th June, 3pm, Allen Hall Seminary (28 Beaufort Street, SW3 5AA). The lecture will be given by Canon John O'Leary, Rector of Allen Hall, who teaches philosophy at the seminary and lectures on the doctrine of Creation and Eschatology at St Mary's University. Refreshments after the talk and a tour of Allen Hall with an explanation of its rich history starting at 5pm, concluding with Vespers at 5.30pm. Numbers are limited. Please register to attend:

Monica Ruiz Herrera parector@rcdow.org.uk

Central London Corpus Christi Procession – The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, Sunday 22nd June, 11am: Mass celebrated by the Abbot of Farnborough, followed by the annual Corpus Christi Procession through central London, in two parts. The first half begins after Mass with a procession to Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street. Here will then be a period of adoration and break for lunch. At 3.30pm, the procession will continue to St James's, Spanish Place, concluding with Benediction. catholiclondon.org

Mass of Thanksgiving for Caritas Bakhita House, 30th June, 5.30pm, Westminster Cathedral – Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate Mass to mark the 10-year anniversary of the opening of Caritas Bakhita House, our safe house supporting women escaping trafficking and exploitation.

https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/bakhita-house/

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 27th 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. Last session before half term break.

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 18th May is the last session before half term. No sessions during the half term break.

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.