St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

25th May 2025

SAT 24 May	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 25	10.00am ▶	**+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	Canon Digby Samuels RIP B'day
	6.30pm		Chriss Kumar RIP
MON 26	**11.00am** ▶	Saint Philip Neri, Priest	Bianca & Matas (Ints)
TUE 27	10.00am ▶	SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop	Áine O'Ceallaigh RIP (Anni)
WED 28	*No Mass*	Easter Feria	
THU 29	**10.00am** ▶	**+ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**	Bianca & Matas (Ints)
	6.30pm		Brendan Joseph Watson RIP
FRI 30	6.30pm ▶	Easter Feria	Bianca & Matas (Ints)
SAT 31	10.00am ▶	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Theresa Bryan RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 1 Jun	10.00am ▶	**+ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	Jack Griffins RIP
	6.30pm		Marie Jermey RIP B'day

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:

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, recalling that 40 days after his Resurrection the Lord Jesus "returned to his Father". It is a Holyday of Obligation: there is Mass at 10.00am and 6.30pm.

The Gospels describe a physical movement: Jesus was lifted up into the clouds and afterwards he was not to be found physically on this earth anymore. More importantly, though, this was a spiritual movement of the Lord Jesus: in returning to his Father, he moved deeper into creation, to encompass creation as a whole. The Ascension was not a "moving away" but a "moving within" or a "moving deeper".

The reciprocal action, which completed the Ascension of Jesus, came ten days later when the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. In the intervening period, the disciples gathered with Mary in the Upper Room. The Lord had promised them the Spirit would come. They spent those nine days in prayer, until the Holy Spirit descended upon them, and they set out to proclaim the Gospel to the world. The Church came to life.

That nine-day period between the Ascension and Pentecost was the first "novena". Since that time, there has been a special place in Christian prayer for a novena – nine days of prayer for a particular intention as we prepare for a feast day. We'll pray the novena to the Holy Spirit each day after Mass between the Ascension and Pentecost.

Time and Talents

Thank you to Jo for organising the welcome and volunteering fair last Sunday, for the team leaders, and all of you who came and who filled in the volunteering forms. We will be in touch shortly in response to those forms.

If you missed out, there is still a chance to get involved:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/volunteering

I am away this weekend with a group of parishioners walking part of the Camino de Santiago. One of my pilgrimage intentions is that the Lord sends each of you the grace that you most need. Thank you to Fr Daniele for covering the Masses while I am away.

God bless 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.

June: That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

PARISH NOTICES

Bank Holiday Monday: Mass at 11am (rather than 10am).

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord is a holyday of obligation. Masses 10am and 6.30pm (and at English Martyrs at 1pm).

Parish Renewal Update – Our parish faces major challenges with urgent repairs needed to the church, presbytery, private flat, and parish centre. Our costs have soared, and we have lost several of our tenants. Last year we made a loss of £40,000. We are working to restore these buildings for future generations – making them accessible, sustainable, and income-generating. The Parish Centre will soon undergo essential works, with upper floors to be let at commercial rents to help fund repairs. We will hold a parish meeting in the coming weeks to share more details about our financial situation, our plans, and how you can help. Your support is vital in keeping our parish thriving. Together, we can build a stronger, more sustainable future.

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.

And for the recently deceased, including: Nora McHale-Paoletti.

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 31st May, 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 – 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. Next session Sun 15th June.

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

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"– 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.