St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

1st June 2025

SAT 31 May	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
MON 2	**8.00am**	Easter Feria	Paris Family (Ints)
TUE 3	**8.00am**	Saint Charles Lawanga & Companions, Martyrs	Billy Macdonald RIP
WED 4	*No Mass*	Easter Feria	
THU 5	6.30pm	Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	Oleg RIP
FRI 6	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Mel Cooper RIP
SAT 7	10.00am	Easter Feria	Vicky Ocuneff RIP
	6.30pm		Bianca and Matas (Ints)
SUN 8	10.00am	**+ PENTECOST SUNDAY**	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Fr Scotus Fernandez 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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In Residence: Fr Daniele Falcomer

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

World Communications Day

This Sunday is World Communications Day, established by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1967 as an annual day of reflection and prayer about modern means of communication and its use to communicate the Gospel. We pray today for those Christians working in media, and for those initiatives and apostolic works that engage with modern media.

The Pope writes an annual message for World Communications Day. Pope Francis, before his death, chose as the theme for this year "share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts" (1 Peter 3:15-16). He asked for Christians in the media to be "communicators of hope", saying, "Let is disarm words, and we will disarm the world.". His letter, together with the remarks made by Pope Leo XIV to journalists shortly after his election as Supreme Pontiff, is available here:

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leo-world-communications-day-2025/

Camino de Santiago

I returned on Friday night with a tired but fulfilled parish group of nineteen, having successfully walked the 115km from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela, to venerate the relics of the apostle St James, who is buried there. We had a week of sore legs and feet, sunshine, beautiful scenery, and great food. We were struck by the incredible hospitality and kindness of so many people, locals and other pilgrims, who had the Gospel planted deep within their hearts, that they recognised the Lord Jesus in us, strangers. We were given all sorts of unexpected graces from God along the way.

This was a new experience for all but one of us, and I thoroughly recommend it. The way was certainly challenging, but well-signposted, and with plenty of places to stop and rest. I had with me in prayer all of you, and especially those particular intentions some of you asked of me before we left. I pray that this experience bears fruit for all of us. St James, pray for us!

I'm grateful, again, to Fr Daniele for looking after the parish in my absence. In these days of preparation for Pentecost, we ask the Holy Spirit to renew us all in faith. Fr A.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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

Changes to Mass Times this Week: Monday & Tuesday **8am**.

Volunteering – Thank you to everyone who completed our volunteering forms. We are working our way through them and, if we haven't already, will be in touch shortly. If you missed out, there is still a chance to get involved:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/volunteering

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. When they are ready, children from the catechesis sessions are invited to prepare for First Holy Communion.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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: Joan Paris, Nora McHale-Paoletti.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 10th June, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – More information to follow shortly.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 14th June, 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. 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



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.