St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year C)

22nd June 2025

SAT 21 Jun	6.30pm	**+ THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus et Sanguis Christi)**	Bianca and Matas (Ints)
SUN 22	10.00am ▶		Theresa Bryan RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 23	10.00am ▶	Feria, Twelfth Week of Year I	Bianca & Matas (Ints)
TUE 24	10.00am ▶	**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**	Christina Kumar RIP
WED 25	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 26	6.30pm ▶	Feria	Joan Paris RIP
FRI 27	6.30pm ▶	**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**	Private Intention
SAT 28	10.00am ▶	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Bianca's birthday (Ints)
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 29	10.00am ▶	**+ SS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles**	Emma & Richard Westbrook RIP
	6.30pm		Bianca's family (Ints)

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:

Corpus et Sanguis Christi

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, better known by its Latin name, *Corpus et Sanguis Christi* (or just *Corpus Christi*).

In 1263, Fr Peter of Prague made a pilgrimage to Rome and stopped in Bolsena to celebrate Mass. He suffered from doubts about whether Jesus is truly present in the Eucharistic bread and wine. When he recited the prayer of consecration at Mass, blood seeped from the consecrated host onto the corporal and altar.

Fr Peter reported the miracle to Pope Urban IV in nearby Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that the host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. They remain on display in the Cathedral in Orvieto to this day. Pope Urban IV instituted the feast of Corpus Christi in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic miracle in Bolsena, to celebrate the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

After 10am Mass this Sunday, we will mark the feast by a Corpus Christi procession and conclude with Benediction in the school playground. Please join in. The procession expresses publicly our belief that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Eucharist. It is a public act of adoration and an opportunity to express physically what we desire spiritually: to walk with him as his disciples.

The procession will be led by the children who made their First Holy Communions this year. Afterwards, there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre for everyone.

New Seminarian – One of Our Own

One of our parishioners, Oliver Higgins, has been accepted by Cardinal Nichols as a seminarian for our archdiocese. He will go to the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain, in September, to begin his discernment and formation for the priesthood. I give thanks to God for his generosity in offering himself to discern if the Lord is calling him to serve the People of God as a priest. There are many years ahead, and it is a great gift for our parish to accompany one of our own in this journey. Please pray for him, and for all our seminarians. They need your support and prayers.

I am away for my summer break this Wednesday 25th June until Wednesday 9th July. Thank you to Fr Daniele for looking after things here in my absence. Please let me know if you need anything from me before I go away.

May the divine love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus fill each of you, Fr Andrew.

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.

FROM THE BUILDINGS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES:

Important Notice: Parish Centre Belongings

Parishioners are kindly asked to contact Tanya Farrell on wappingga@rcdow.org.uk as soon as possible if they have any personal belongings stored in the Parish Centre. Building works are scheduled to commence shortly, and any unclaimed items left in the building will be removed and disposed. To avoid any inconvenience or loss of property, please ensure you have collected your belongings or made arrangements through the Parish Office by the end of June. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Finance and Buildings Meeting

We will hold a parish meeting on Sunday 13th July, 11.15am, for anyone interested in knowing more about our current financial situation and the state of our refurbishment plans for our buildings: the church, parish centre, and presbytery flat. More information to follow.

PARISH NOTICES

Friday: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – There is no fasting or abstinence (from meat) this Friday. Mass at 6.30pm as usual, followed by devotions.

Pensioners' Summer Afternoon Tea, Monday 14th July, 12.30pm – Our annual pensioners' tea party with entertainment, open to any pensioners living in Wapping. Please contact Jo in the Parish Office if you would like to attend, free of charge.

020 7481 2202 | joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

Wapping Shindig, Saturday 5th July, Wapping Green, 1-7pm – Please join in our local community fair. Our parish will contribute to the fair by a bake sale, raising money for our refurbishment fund, and will be looking for you to get out your mixing bowls for cakes and savouries to sell on the day. Please bring them to the stall on Wapping Green at noon, or drop them at the Parish Office on the Friday beforehand between 10am and 3pm. Please include a list of ingredients, for allergy sufferers.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Vocations and Ordinations – Next Saturday 28th June, 10.30am, is the ordination of two new priests for our diocese: Rev. Sean Power and Rev. James Boyle. We also have four new seminarians beginning formation for the priesthood for our diocese this year. Please pray for them and for all our seminarians, and for more vocations.

REGULAR NOTICES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Joseph Célestin, Ann Sullivan, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen Franey.

Bingo for the Over 50s – This Tuesday 24th June, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – More information to follow shortly.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 5th July, 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.

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 29th June.

Youth Group – 7.30pm, Upper Room, school years 7-13. Next session Sat 28th 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. Next session 15th June.

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.