St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

6th July 2025

SAT 5 Jul	6.30pm	+ 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Holy Souls
SUN 6	10.00am		People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Private Intention
MON 7	**8.00am**	Feria	Patrick Aspell RIP Anni.
TUE 8	**8.00am**	Feria	Dorothy & Gerald Jefferies RIP
WED 9	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 10	6.30pm	Feria	Sheila Kumar (Ints)
FRI 11	6.30pm	ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe	Bella Hoareau (Ints)
SAT 12	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Caoimhe Butler (Ints)
SUN 13	6.30pm	+ 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	10.00am		Danny McAlinden Jr RIP (B'day)
	6.30pm		Andrew Aspell RIP Anni.

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. Sunday 5.45-6.15pm.

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 *(Away until 10th July)*

In Residence: Fr Daniele Falcomer

Safeguarding: Adele Schirinzi
wappingsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-3pm

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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FR DANIELE WRITES:

This week we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Benedict Abbot (480-547). The history of the monastic evangelisation of Europe begins with him, who is often called the "Father of Western Monasticism." In a time of political chaos and cultural collapse following the fall of the Western Roman Empire, Benedict established a new model of Christian life centred on prayer, work, and community. His *Rule of Saint Benedict*, written for monks at Monte Cassino, provided a balanced and humane structure for daily living that would shape European religious life for centuries. Benedictine monasteries became **beacons of stability and culture** in a fragmented world. As Europe was overrun by various tribes and warlords, these monasteries preserved not only Christian faith, but also the treasures of ancient learning—copying manuscripts, maintaining libraries, and fostering education. Monks tilled the land, taught agricultural techniques, and became spiritual and intellectual centers for surrounding communities. From Italy, Benedictine monasticism spread across Europe. In Ireland, saints like **Columba** and **Columbanus** founded missionary monasteries that combined learning and evangelization. In England, **Saint Augustine of Canterbury**, sent by Pope Gregory the Great, brought the Benedictine way to the Anglo-Saxons. In the 8th and 9th centuries, under the encouragement of rulers like **Charlemagne**, monasticism helped unify and Christianise vast areas of the continent.

The **evangelisation of Europe** was not only about converting individuals but about **forming Christian cultures**—rooting society in values of charity, truth, dignity, and justice. Monasteries taught people to read, healed the sick, served the poor, and laid the groundwork for universities and hospitals. The Christian worldview infused law, art, philosophy, and social institutions. Today, as Europe faces a crisis of identity and forgets its spiritual heritage, remembering this monastic legacy is vital. The **Christian roots of European culture** are not relics of the past but living sources of renewal. The faith that once shaped Europe's soul can still guide its future—offering a vision of human dignity, community, and transcendent purpose. Saint Benedict's motto, *Ora et Labora*—"Pray and Work"—remains a call to rebuild a civilization of love grounded in God.

Fr. Daniele

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.

July: For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

FROM THE BUILDINGS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES:

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

Changes to Mass this Week: Monday and Tuesday Mass will be at 8am.

Next Sunday: Sea Sunday – Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), who care for seafarers in ports around the world.

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

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 – Tuesday 8th July, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – More information to follow shortly.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 12th July, 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.

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 – Sundays 11am-12noon. 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 19th July.

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.