St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

20th July 2025

	SAT 19 Jul	6.30pm		Julian Goode (Ints)
	SUN 20	10.00am ▶	+ 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Colin Scahill (Ints)
		6.30pm		People of the Parish
	MON 21	10.00am ▶	Feria	Matas and Bianca (Ints)
	TUE 22	10.00am ▶	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Fr Andrew (B'day Ints)
	WED 23	*No Mass*	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Religious, Patron of Europe	
	THU 24	6.30pm ▶	Feria	Matas and Bianca (Ints)
	FRI 25	6.30pm ▶	ST JAMES, Apostle	Ravindra Kumar RIP
	SAT 26	10.00am ▶	Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Grainne Fradd (Ints)
		6.30pm		People of the Parish
	SUN 27	10.00am ▶	+ 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eileen Quinlan & Family (Ints)
		6.30pm		Sylvia McAtee 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: Resumes in September.

The Rosary: Thursday 7.00pm.

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
andrewconnick@rcdow.org.uk *(Day Off: Wednesday)*

In Residence: Fr Daniele Falcomer

Safeguarding: Adele Schirinzi
wappingsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE: Mon, Tue & Fri 10am-3pm

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

Events Coordinator: Joann Condon
joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

FR ANDREW WRITES:

This Saturday: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

On Saturday, the feast of Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord Jesus, is celebrated the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme of Pope Leo XIV's message this year is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)".

The Holy Father invites us to recognise them as witnesses of hope. After testing in the fire of a long life, old age can be a time of blessing, grace, and deep happiness. You can read the full message online, and there are some copies at the back of the church:
https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20250626-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html

Summer in the Parish

The summer break is upon us, and the great Wapping summer exodus is already underway. Many of our parish activities have finished for the summer, to resume in September. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those parishioners who serve our parish in every way, throughout the year.

To those travelling, I invoke the Lord's blessing on your journeys and wish you a good summer. I will keep you in my prayers. Fr Daniele will return home to his diocese this week. I want to thank him for his contributions to our parish this year. We look forward to his return in September.

Holidays are spiritually important, both for strengthening the bonds of family life and for relaxation and renewal. Ordinary life is often busy and fraught, and it is easy for life to drift. Think of your holidays as a chance to renew your commitment to the Lord Jesus and invest in your relationship with him, too. You can do that in several ways:

- Plan where you intend to go to Mass to fulfil your Sunday obligation.
- How will your daily routine of prayer need to change? If you don't have one, maybe this is the perfect chance to establish a routine.
- Pick at least one book of spiritual reading amongst your holiday novels.
- Is there anyone around you in need, maybe someone you've neglected, or have been too busy to help? Can you act as Christ for that person now?

To the visitors to our parish this summer, you are very welcome, and I pray you will discover the Lord anew here with us.

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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:

Thank you to those who attended our parish meeting last weekend.

- We presented a summary of our parish finances, copies of which are available at the back of church.
- Explained the refurbishment works we are undertaking to increase the rental income we receive from the Parish Centre.
- Shared the current state of the church refurbishment project. We are nearing completion of the design and will present that to the parish shortly, before making the statutory applications required to the Historic Churches Committee, Tower Hamlets, and other statutory bodies.
- Considered some options for fundraising.
- Gave an update on the sale of the old social club building, and the negotiations with the Jesuits about a new long lease on Chandler Street.

Although we are in a precarious state, with a deficit of £40k in each of the last two years, we are confident that we are doing what we must to improve our income generation and make progress with our master plan.

If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Andrew or to any member of the parish Finance or Buildings committees.

PARISH NOTICES

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Sundays, 5.45-6.15pm, will cease now for the summer break, and resume in September.

Kitchen Garden Produce on Sale – The CAFOD Kitchen Garden is now in full swing for the summer. Produce is on sale on Sunday morning after 10am Mass. Everything is organic, and home grown. Proceeds support the work of CAFOD, our Catholic agency caring for the poorest of peoples around the world.

Pensioners' Summer Afternoon Tea – Thank you to Jo and her team for another amazing party. A wonderful afternoon was had by all.

Advance Notice – Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham, Saturday 20th September. Coach will leave St Patrick's around 8am. Prices TBC. Please email Jo in the parish to register your interest: joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

Infant Baptism – Next preparation sessions will be in September. If you would like to have your child Baptised, the first step is to complete the form on the website: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/baptism/

Interested in Catholic Faith or Adult Confirmation – This is for anyone who wants to know about Catholic faith (especially if you are not a Catholic already), and for adult Catholics who missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation for any reason. The group will begin on Thursdays in September. Please register your interest: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/wrcia

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 22nd July, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – More information to follow shortly.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 26th 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 – Sessions resume in September.

Youth Group – 7.30pm, Upper Room, school years 7-13. Resumes in September.

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

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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. Sessions resume in September.

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.