St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

16th November 2025

SAT 15 Nov	6.30pm	+ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the parish
SUN 16	10.00am		Adrian Tobin RIP & Family
	6.30pm		Holy Souls
MON 17	10.00am	Feria	Patrick Aspell RIP
TUE 18	10.00am	Feria	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP
WED 19	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 20	6.30pm	Feria	Bill Delay RIP
FRI 21	6.30pm	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	James Aspell RIP
SAT 22	10.00am	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Holy Souls
	6.30pm		John Sullivan RIP Anni.
SUN 23	10.00am	**+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	Holy Souls
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

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: Sunday 5.45-6.15pm. Fri 7.00-8.00pm.

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

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lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Preparing for My Funeral

During November, we remember and pray for our deceased family and friends. Naturally, our thoughts might turn this month to our own deaths, too, and what salutary offerings will be made for us before God when that day comes.

It can be a real help to your next-of-kin when you give thought to your funeral arrangements ahead of time. None of us knows the time the Lord has allotted to us, but obviously this has more relevance for some than others! Detailed funeral arrangements can be difficult for some nexts-of-kin, maybe because of grief or not sharing our Faith or simply because the practice of Faith ceased long ago.

This is not for everyone! If interested, please take a form to help you to consider your funeral arrangements. You may keep a copy with your files and, if you wish, leave a copy to be held securely here in the parish. It will then give some help to your next-of-kin in the making of arrangements and, in some cases, ensure you do have a proper Catholic funeral. There are copies at the back of church, or you can download the form online: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/liturgy/funeralprep

It is healthy to recognise that our lives on earth are finite, but we should guard against preoccupation with death. Leaving some instructions for the end of our lives should help us to live more securely in the present moment, free from any concern. Please do get in touch if you would like to speak to me about anything raised here.

Next May: Parish Pilgrimage – Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation

I'm thinking of organising a parish pilgrimage next May to Turkey, beginning in Istanbul and visiting Nicaea (place of the first Ecumenical Council and origin of the Nicene Creed), perhaps walking in the footsteps of St Paul, and perhaps including the seven churches of the book of Revelation, finishing in Ephesus and the house of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Concrete details will follow, but for now please have a word with me if you are interested so I can gauge numbers. We need 20 parishioners or more.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

November: For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

PARISH NOTICES

This Weekend – Sick & Retired Priests Collection – Most priests retire from office as Parish Priests at 75, but continue to offer themselves for service until health or age makes it impossible. We have 73 retired priests in our diocese, at an annual cost of £1.27m. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover the essential costs of their senior years and give them peace of mind that their needs will be met. Donation envelopes are at the back of church if want to Gift Aid your donation. You can also make a cash or contactless donation, or donate online: https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/sick-and-retired-priests-fund/

200 Club – The parish's 200 Club supports the refurbishment of our parish buildings. The idea is simple: you pay £10 a month. Half goes to the buildings fund, and half goes to prize money. Every month, four participants are drawn at random and receive a prize. If 100 parishioners sign up, the monthly prizes will be £200, £150, £100, and £50, with the chance of winning 1 in 25! https://rcwapping.typeform.com/200Club

A Cup of Christmas, Sunday 30th November, 11am – Our festive gathering, with mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies, and our usual selection of delicious cakes to enjoy, as we come together to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. You'll also find Christmas stalls selling cards and stocking fillers — perfect for some early gift shopping, a raffle. It promises to be a joyful occasion for all ages

Christmas Grotto, Sunday 30th November, 11am – Father Christmas is visiting St Patrick's Church! Come meet him in his grotto and share the magic of Christmas. Little ones can tell him their Christmas wishes, enjoy a festive sweet treat, and take home a special gift. A fun, festive treat for all our youngest parishioners! Tickets £8.50. Book your tickets online (timed entry): https://rcwappinggrotto2025.eventbrite.co.uk

"Operation Elf" – We are partnering with HMP Belmarsh to give 100 Christmas gifts for children who have a parent in prison. Please take a tag from the tree in church and choose an appropriate present for that child costing no more than **£15**. Prison security regulations do not permit: second hand items, battery-operated toys, toy guns or weapons, modelling clay or slime, or anything edible. In addition, **gifts must not be wrapped, as they will be inspected** (gift bags or carrier bags are fine). Additionally, this year the prison has asked for vouchers for some of the older children, who are often left out. For tags marked 'voucher only', please purchase any type of gift voucher and place in an unsealed envelope. You can leave your gifts in the sacristy or drop at the Parish Office, **no later than Monday 24th November**.

Sunday 10am Mass Tea and Coffee – Restarts this Sunday after the 10am Mass in the Back Chapel. Thank you to those who have offered their time to volunteer already. We are still in need of more volunteers, if you are interested contact Lucy in the Parish Office.

Pensioners' Christmas Party – Thursday 11th December, 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please email Jo, or phone Lucy in the Parish Office, to reserve your place.

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ENGLISH MARTYRS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following last year's success, English Martyrs Christmas Trees are back and now on sale! Only premium quality Nordmann Fir non-drop trees. Great value (from £29.99 only) and every tree helps in the school fundraising! Collection this year is in St Patrick's only, but we are offering local delivery at a small additional charge. Order by 20th November and receive your tree from 28th November. To book please visit: www.festivetrees.com

Wreath Making Workshop - For the 3rd year, we have the pleasure of hosting an adult Christmas wreath making workshop. Friday 28th November 6-9pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre. Led by an experienced local florist showing you all the tricks in making a lovely festive creation! The workshop will be approximately 2.5 hours. £35 per person price includes the basic wreath ring and basic materials. To book: https://pta.events/wuem9ff1

PARISH GROUPS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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 25th November, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 20th November, 7.30-8.30pm, Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 29th November, Beryl's team, 10.30am.

Hebrews Bible Timeline – Monday 17th November, 7pm, Presbytery.

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

Sunday Catechesis (School Years 2-6) – Sundays 11am-12noon in the Parish Hall.

Youth Group (School Years 7-13) – Saturday 13th December 7.30pm, Upper Room.

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

Volunteers for Church Cleaning – We are in desperate need of volunteers to bolster the numbers in our church cleaning teams on a Saturday mornings, 10.30am. Cleaning involves light duties: hoovering and sweeping mainly. It is also a good chance to socialise with other parishioners. The Lord's house is here for us all, and our care of it is a practical expression of our love for God and the care we have for our faith.

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.

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!

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

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/

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.