St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (Year C)

23rd November 2025

SAT 22 Nov	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
MON 24	10.00am	St Andrew Dung Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	Private Intention
TUE 25	10.00am	Feria	Christina Kumar RIP
WED 26	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 27	6.30pm	Feria	Holy Souls
FRI 28	6.30pm	Feria	Miriam Diadoo RIP
SAT 29	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	May Mubarak (B'day Ints)
SUN 30	6.30pm		Holy Souls
	10.00am	+ **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)**	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Private Intention

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. **Praise and Worship:** Friday 7.00-8.00pm.

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

In Residence: Fr Daniele Falcomer

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today is the last Sunday in the Church's year, honouring our Saviour, Jesus Christ, under the awesome title "King of the Universe".

This feast is relatively recent; Pope Pius XI instituted it in 1925 in the aftermath of the First World War, and in response to the rise of new secular and totalitarian regimes in Europe, Russia, and Mexico, in which religious liberty was violently denied and the Church suppressed. In his encyclical letter *Quas primas*, establishing the feast, he gave warning that any attempt to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continued discord among people and nations. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind".

The pope explained that the kingship of Christ is rooted in the Incarnation. The Second Person of the Trinity united himself to human nature in the womb of Mary, such that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man. We call this "the hypostatic union". The pope said, "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures."

For us, individually, this means:

"He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.'" (Pope Pius XI, Quas primas, 33).

Next Sunday we begin a new year in the Church with the liturgical season of Advent.

God bless 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

CAFOD Kitchen Garden – There will be a sale of freshly picked winter vegetables after the 10am Mass this Sunday, 23rd November. All proceeds go to CAFOD to support the poorest of our brothers and sisters around the world.

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

Next Sunday, 30th November, join us for our Christmas Fair, *A Cup of Christmas*! Enjoy a mulled wine or hot chocolate with a mince pie, or treat yourself to one of our delicious cakes, as we come together to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. There will be Christmas stalls selling cards, wreaths and stocking fillers—perfect for some early gift shopping—along with a raffle and Father Christmas's Grotto (see below for booking). It promises to be a joyful occasion for all ages!

Cakes for Christmas Fair – We are looking for donations of homemade cakes for the Christmas Fair next Sunday. You can bring your baked goods straight to the hall on Sunday morning or to the parish office during opening hours. Please include a list of all ingredients for allergy sufferers. Thank you.

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

Christmas Wreaths – Pre order your Christmas wreath and collect at the fair next Sunday. There will also be the opportunity to purchase a premade wreath on the day. Please contact Ioana: 07517 462651

Sunday 10am Mass Tea and Coffee – 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.

"Operation Elf" – Thank you to everyone who has taken a tag: these gifts really make a big difference to the lives of the children with a parent in prison**. Please bring your gifts to the sacristy or Parish Office no later than this Monday, 24th November.**

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

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 27th November, 7.30-8.30pm, Presbytery.

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

Hebrews Bible Timeline – Monday **8th December**, 7pm, Presbytery.

Praise and Worship Group – Friday 7.00-8.00pm in the church.

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
Foreign/Old Currency for SVP: Please leave in an envelope or bag marked "SVP" in the sacristy after Mass, or in the Presbytery letterbox.

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

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.