St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

22nd February 2026

SAT 21 Feb	6.30pm		Sally Bragg RIP
SUN 22	10.00am	+ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		Josue Mendez RIP
MON 23	10.00am	Lent Feria	Edward Edmund Aldridge RIP Anni.
TUE 24	10.00am	Lent Feria	Archbishop Richard Moth (Ints)
WED 25	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU 26	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Christopher Hart (Ints)
FRI 27	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
SAT 28	10.00am	Lent Feria	Holy Souls
	6.30pm		Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
SUN 29	10.00am	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Mavis Harrison RIP
	6.30pm		Daniel (Thanksgiving)

Masses marked are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Friday 7.30pm. Saturday & Sunday 6.00pm.

Church Open for Individual Prayer: Daily 7.00am-7.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday 5.45-6.15pm. Friday 7.30-8.00pm.

The Rosary: Thursday 7.00pm. **Stations of the Cross:** Friday 7.00pm.

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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PARISH OFFICE: Mon, Tue & Fri 10am-3pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Thank You

I had an excellent trip to New Zealand to visit my family there, and am glad to be home. Thank you very much for your welcome of Frs Brian, John, Crescent and Irvin while I was away. I think they enjoyed their time celebrating the Eucharist with our parish community. I am very grateful, too, to the many parishioners who looked after the smooth running of the parish while I was away, in all sorts of ways, and to those who took care of Cal and Leo. It is humbling to have such good support.

Lent and the Gospel of St Matthew

The four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) wrote their gospels at different times, to different communities, for different purposes. They all tell the same life of the Lord Jesus, but each with emphases particular to the circumstances. The Gospel of St Matthew is commonly called the "Catechetical Gospel" because it is written as a systematic teaching tool for those who had come to faith in the Lord Jesus.

Whenever we have adults for baptism in the parish, we use the Lenten readings from St Matthew on the Sundays in Lent. In the early Church, Baptisms came to be celebrated at Easter. The forty day Lenten fast has its origins as a period of preparation for those being baptised, hence the reading of the catechetical Gospel of St Matthew during Lent. As it happens, we are reading the Gospel of St Matthew this year anyway.

The early Church focussed on these particular passages during Lent, from which catechesis was given to those preparing for Baptism: the Samaritan Woman at the Well (water), the Man Born Blind (light), and the Raising of Lazarus (life). We will hear them in the weeks ahead.

Archbishop Richard Moth

Last Saturday, the Most Reverend Richard Moth was installed as Archbishop of Westminster. He is our new shepherd in the Lord Jesus. Please pray for him and his ministry. The Archbishop is celebrating Mass in several places to help him to get to know the diocese, and to meet with clergy and Catholic headteachers in each area. He will celebrate Mass for our area this Wednesday 25th February, 6.30pm, at Our Lady and St Joseph, Kingsland (100a Balls Pond Road, N1 4AG). Everyone is welcome.

May the Lord bless you, and give you grace for your Lenten observances, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

February: For children suffering from incurable diseases. Let us pray that they receive the necessary medical care and support they need.

PARISH NOTICES

Lenten Liturgy – You will notice during Lent that our celebration of Mass assumes a more sombre character. There is less singing, no Gloria, no flowers in church (please don't bring any!) and we refrain from singing or saying "Alleluia". Later in Lent you will see the statues veiled, too.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays in Lent, 7.00pm (after the evening Mass).

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day, Friday 27th February – We are asked to pray and eat simply this Friday, in solidarity with the poorest of our brothers and sisters around the world, donating the money we save to support the work of CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Oversees Development), working internationally with Caritas. There will be a retiring collection next weekend. Envelopes for Gift Aid are available at the back of the church.

Lenten Alms (Jesuit Refugee Service) – As usual, our parish is nominating the Jesuit Refugee Service, based here in Wapping, as the recipient of our Lenten almsgiving. In Lent we fast, pray and give alms. You may have your own almsgiving project in mind, but if not, the money box nearest the sacristy door is for Lenten alms donations. More information about the work of JRS: jrsuk.net

Baptism Preparation – The next preparation course will take place this Sunday 15th February, immediately after the 10am morning Mass, in the presbytery.

200 Club – If you would like to join, please complete the form following the link below. Draws take place 31st of each month. You can join at any point in the year and will be eligible for the draw, the month in which you make your first payment.

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/200Club

PARISH GROUPS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 3rd March, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 26th February, 7.30pm, in the presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 28th February, 10.30am. Beryl's Team.

Hebrews Bible Timeline – Mondays, 7pm, Presbytery. Resumes Monday 9th March.

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 10am Mass Tea & Coffee – Please join us after Mass. If you would like to help, please contact Lucy in the parish office.

Sunday Catechesis (School Years 2-6) – Sundays 11am-12noon in the Parish Hall. No session 22nd February for half term. Next session 1st March.

Youth Group (School Years 7-13) – Next session Saturday 28th February after the Saturday evening Mass.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm. The archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Lucy in the parish office with the following details: full names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email or telephone number, if no email. lucyknights@rcdow.org.uk

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 17-24th July – Registration is now open. https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk

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/

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