St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

1st March 2026

SAT	**28 Feb**	6.30pm		Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
SUN	**1 Mar**	10.00am	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Mavis Harrison RIP
		6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON	**2**	10.00am	Lent Feria	Sheila Kumar (Thanksgiving)
TUE	**3**	10.00am	Lent Feria	Dan McAlinden Snr RIP Anni.
WED	**4**	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU	**5**	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP Anni.
FRI	**6**	6.30pm	Lent Feria	Ravi, Chriss & Sheila Kumar, & Kathleen Aspell
SAT	**7**	10.00am	Lent Feria	Winifred Potter RIP Anni.
		6.30pm		John Clark RIP
SUN	**8**	10.00am	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Timothy Axson Charlesworth RIP (B'day)
		6.30pm		Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP Anni.

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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BUILDINGS UPDATE

These are the latest headlines in the work we are undertaking to our parish buildings:

Church:

- We are close to agreeing a settlement with our insurers in the region of £80k for some of the damage to the floor. The general failure of the floor slab is not covered by insurance and, although helpful, this sum is sadly nowhere near the cost of replacing the floor. That will have to come from elsewhere.
- We are also working with the insurers to address the cracking under the large, west, rose window, and you should see some repair and redecoration there soon.
- We are very close to submitting our longer-term plans for the church to the Historic Churches Committee for their scrutiny.
- The first of the major works we hope to undertake is to commission new chandeliers to replace the failing spotlights on the church ceiling.

Parish Centre:

- Several rooms have now been redecorated and are ready for commercial let. This should help us to raise funds for the remaining rooms.
- You will see the scaffolding is up, and works are underway to repair the roof.
- The new access control system is up and running across most of the site, with better wifi access, and external CCTV coverage to improve our security.
- We were awarded £20k from the National Lottery to create a new meeting room in what was the storeroom at the end of the parish hall. Works to begin soon.

Presbytery:

- Scaffolding is up for some roof repairs and to replace the soffits.
- We are investigating works to redevelop the private flat for the use of a retired priest, perhaps as early as this year.

Other Buildings

- The diocesan trustees have agreed to our appointment of a new surveyor and a new strategy to sell the Old Social Club.
- We are still in negotiation with the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) to give them a long-term lease on our building in Chandler Street for the Jesuit Refugee Service.

I am grateful indeed for the expertise and generosity of our parishioners on the Finance and Buildings committees, without whom none of this would be possible. You are welcome to ask any of us for more details about these works. Please pray for their success. The Lord bless you all in the week ahead, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

March: For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross, Fridays in Lent, 7.00pm (after the evening Mass), followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30-8.00pm, and Benediction.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Fridays 7.30pm (after Stations of the Cross, and during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament), Saturdays and Sundays 6.00pm.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Retiring Collection – Friday past was CAFOD Lent Fast Day, on which we are asked to fast in solidarity with the poor, and help them by donating what we have saved by our fast. The retiring collection is for CAFOD, our national, Catholic, oversees aid agency. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church for adding Gift Aid to any cash donations. You can donate using the card machines but, unfortunately, it is not possible to Gift Aid card donations. You can also donate to CAFOD directly online. Thank you for your generosity. https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day

Funeral Masses:

- **Moira Willson RIP**, Friday 20th March, 11.00am.
- **Victoria Kamm RIP**, Friday 27th March, 11.30am.

Please pray for the happy repose of their souls, and for their families. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

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. The second draw has taken place and all winners have been notified.

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 5th March, 7.30pm, in the presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 14th March, 10.30am. Maria'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 this Sunday 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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