St Patrick's Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

8th March 2026

SAT 7 Mar	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.
MON 9	10.00am	▶	Lent Feria	Private Intention
TUE 10	10.00am	▶	**Memorial Mass for Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP**	
WED 11	*No Mass*		Lent Feria	
THU 12	6.30pm	▶	Lent Feria	Biddy Sullivan RIP Anni.
FRI 13	6.30pm	▶	Lent Feria	Monica Clark RIP
SAT 14	10.00am	▶	Lent Feria	Private Intention
	6.30pm			Private Intention
SUN 15	10.00am	▶	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)	Max Pasterny (Ints)
	6.30pm			Christina Kumar & Kathleen Aspell RIP

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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FR ANDREW WRITES:

The Sacrament of Penance

One important part of our individual preparation in Lent is to make Confession. I am available on the Fridays in Lent, after Stations of the Cross, 7.30-8.00pm, and any Saturday or Sunday 6pm. You can also ask after Mass any day, or contact me to arrange another time. Please don't worry if it's been a long time.

First, it is important to prepare by making an Examination of Conscience. A simple version is on the parish website: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/confession/

This is a reminder of the rite itself:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bless me, father, for I have sinned. It has been *(how long?)* since my last Confession. I am single/married. These are my sins…

Name your sins clearly and briefly. When you are finished, indicate to the priest by the following or similar: **For these and all my sins I am truly sorry.**

The priest might give some counsel, and a penance to perform later. He will ask you to make an "Act of Contrition" (this is one version, you might know another):

O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His Name, O Lord, have mercy.

The priest will say the prayer of absolution. At the words "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father…" make the sign of the Cross. The priest will conclude with "Go in peace" or similar. The response is: **Thanks be to God.**

May the Lord bless each of you in this 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

Passiontide Veils – Volunteers needed this Saturday, 10.30am, to veil the statues and paintings ready for Passiontide.

Faith in Every Footstep – Good Friday Art Workshop for Children – Friday 3rd April, 10am-1pm. Creative art workshop for children in school years 1 to 6 in the Parish Centre, including games, stories, drama, and art activities centred around our faith journeys, led by Angie, Lucy and other catechists. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy in the Parish Office. Please register your child:

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/goodfridayart

St Patrick's Day Tea Party, Sunday 22nd March after 10am Mass – You are invited to join us in the parish centre for refreshments and entertainment to celebrate our wonderful St Patrick's parish and community, in honour of our heavenly patron. We are looking for volunteers to help! Please speak to Lucy in the Parish Office.

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 – Thank you for your generous support for the family fast day last weekend, your donations have raised £283 so far.

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

PARISH GROUPS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 17th March, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 12th 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.

Youth Group (School Years 7-13) – Next session to be announced soon.

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/

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

