St Patrick's Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

15th March 2026

SAT 14 Mar	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 15	10.00am ▶	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)	Max Pasterny (Ints)
	6.30pm		Christina Kumar & Kathleen Aspell RIP
MON 16	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	Charles & Kathleen Barnett RIP
TUE 17	10.00am ▶	**ST PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Patron of the Parish**	Kumar & Aspell Family Living & Deceased
WED 18	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU 19	6.30pm ▶	**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**	Lenifa Dias (Ints) Bday
FRI 20	**11.00am**	**Funeral of Moira Willson RIP**	
	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Remo & Barbara Bardi RIP
SAT 21	~~**10.00am**~~	Lent Feria	***No Morning Mass***
	6.30pm		Helen Clark RIP
SUN 22	10.00am ▶	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Canon Digby Samuels RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		Margaret Harries 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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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Laetare Sunday… This Fourth Sunday of Lent takes its name from the Latin of the entrance antiphon for Mass: Rejoice, O Jerusalem! "*Lætare, Ierusalem"*. We have just passed the midpoint of Lent, and this is marked by a slight relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten season. In church, just for a day, flowers may be used for decoration, and the organ may be played more fully; we use rose pink vestments, as though a little Easter light is now shining through the usual Lenten purple.

Outside of church, there is a relaxation of the usual Lenten fasting. In England, a Medieval tradition anticipated Easter with simnel cake, a light fruitcake with layers of marzipan and eleven marzipan balls for the eleven faithful apostles.

…and Mothering Sunday: Also connected with Laetare Sunday in the British Isles is Mothering Sunday. From the Middle Ages, this Sunday you would visit your "mother church", meaning the church in which you were baptised and raised, and visit family at home and celebrate. Our modern Mothering Sunday celebration comes from this tradition.

We give thanks to God today and ask his blessing on our mothers, and on those who have taken on the role of mother in our lives. But this is also a difficult day for some. We hold before the Lord the souls of our mothers who have died, and we ask his blessing on those who have a painful and unfulfilled longing to be mothers.

Passiontide Veils: Next Sunday we enter "Passiontide", when our attention is focussed more keenly on the sufferings of Christ. In anticipation of that, the crosses, statues, and images in church have been veiled in violet. Throughout the year, we glory in the crucifix and the saints as signs of Christ's victory over sin and death. In Passiontide, we are reminded instead of Christ's suffering, and those signs of his victory are obscured. The Stations of the Cross, alone, are left unveiled for this reason. We wait now for the celebration of his victory at Easter. A big thank you to the parishioners who helped with the veiling.

Ss Patrick and Joseph: Tuesday is St Patrick's Day. As he is patron of our parish, we celebrate his feast as a "solemnity", the most solemn of feast days. Thursday is another solemnity, of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is no fasting and abstinence on solemnities. In celebration of Ss Patrick and Joseph you can relax your Lenten fast twice this week!

God bless you all for 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

Young Adults' Group – We want to start a new group in the parish for young adults (18+), providing an opportunity for socialising, mutual support and Christian fellowship, and, depending on the wishes of the group, maybe some faith formation and service of the parish community. Please register your interest here: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/youngadults

Change to Mass time – No Saturday 10am morning Mass (21st March).

St Patrick's Day Tea Party, next 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. All welcome, we look forward to seeing you there.

Faith in Every Footstep – Good Friday Art Workshop for Children – Friday 3rd April, 10am-1pm. We are excited to tell you that we are leading another creative art workshop for children in school years 1 to 6 in the Parish Centre on Good Friday. The workshop will include 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. Spaces are limited so please register your child in advance: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/goodfridayart

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.

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 19th March, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery.

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

Hebrews Bible Timeline – Next session Monday 16th March, 7pm, in the Presbytery.

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. This Sunday 14th March will be the last session before the school Easter break.

Youth Adults' Group (18+) – Starting soon. See newsletter above.

Youth Group (School Years 7-13) – Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm, in the 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)

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