St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Divine Mercy Sunday (Year A)

12th April 2026

SAT 11 Apr	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 12	10.00am	**+ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)**	Daniel (Thanksgiving)
	6.30pm		Private Intention
MON 13	10.00am	Easter Feria	Ronnie Bruin RIP
TUE 14	10.00am	Easter Feria	Sheila Kumar (Thanksgiving)
WED 15	*No Mass*	Easter Feria	
THU 16	6.30pm	Easter Feria	James Aspell RIP Anni.
FRI 17	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Kathleen Aldridge RIP Anni.
SAT 18	**2.00pm**	**Memorial Mass for Eileen Griffin RIP**	
	6.30pm		Ginny Esparon (Ints)
SUN 19	10.00am	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Dr Ravindra Kumar RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

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 Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle, currently standing in the sanctuary by the ambo, is the Easter symbol of Christ. It was lit from the new fire at the Easter Vigil last Saturday night: the fire being a symbol of the new light of the Resurrection dispelling the darkness of Christ's death. The candle is decorated with a Cross and the current year, and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, a reference to Christ's words in the Book of Revelation:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 22:13)

Into the Paschal candle was inserted five brass pins containing beads of incense. These are a reminder of the spices with which the body of Jesus was wrapped for burial, and represent his five precious wounds: the three nails in his hands and feet, his pierced side, and the crown of thorns. In the past the incense would be buried in the candle, so that it caught and released fragrance as the candle burned down.

The design of the candle this year is taken from the Orthodox icon of the Resurrection. Christ wears red, signifying his divine nature, surmounted with green, representing the human nature he "put on" when he took flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The blue, almond shaped "mandorla" halo represents his eternal light, and he holds a "victorious Cross" signifying that the Resurrection was through his sacrifice, and his power over death.

The Paschal candle remains in the sanctuary for the season of Easter (until Pentecost), and then is used at baptisms and funerals throughout the year.

Feel free to have a closer look. It was painted this year by my brother, Robert.

Thank you, too, for your generous cards, gifts, and Easter offerings for me. With my prayers and wishing you continued Easter blessings, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You to the very many people who spent so many hours preparing the church for our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, for those who made the liturgies beautiful and reverent acts of worship before the Lord.

And thank you to Lucy, Angie, Carla, Joan, Grace, and Naomi for leading the Good Friday workshop, and for the work of the children now decorating the church.

A warm welcome back to all parishioners who were away for the Easter break.

Divine Mercy Devotions, This Sunday, 12th April, 3.00-4.00pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available throughout. The Divine Mercy is a devotion celebrating God's infinite love for us all. It originates in revelations received by St Faustina Kowalska, the "Apostle of the Divine Mercy", in Poland in the 1930s, and commended to the whole Church by Pope Saint John Paul II.

Memorial Mass for Eileen Griffin, Saturday 18th April, 2pm. Please note that this takes the place of the 10am Mass on Saturday.

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

BUILDINGS AND FINANCE NOTICES

We have agreed with the Society of Jesus a two-year extension to the current lease on Chandler Street, for its use as the Jesuit Refugee Service, at an annual rent of £70k.

Our insurers have now agreed a settlement of £82k for some of the damage to the floor in the church. Unfortunately, this won't come close to the cost of replacing the floor slab, but it does recognise that the damage was exacerbated by faulty drainage.

The flat roof on the Parish Centre has been replaced, with significantly upgraded insulation. We hope to begin soon the work to create a new meeting room on the

ground floor, using the £20k grant we received from the National Lottery. Other repair and redecoration works are underway in the Parish Centre.

PARISH GROUPS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Maureen McGrath, Joseph Célestin, Ann Sullivan, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen Franey.

And the recently departed, including: Elise Fernandez, Eileen Griffin.

200 Club: March Draw – Winning numbers 15, 2, 13, and 34. Thank you for playing!

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 14th April, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 16th April, 7.30pm in the presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 25th April, 10.30am, Beryl's team.

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. Resumes next Sunday, 19th April.

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

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

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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