St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

26th April 2026

SAT 25 Apr	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 26	10.00am	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ambrogio & Lucia (Ints)
	6.30pm		Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
MON 27	10.00am	Easter Feria	Church Renovations
TUE 28	10.00am	Easter Feria	Mary Christina Kumar RIP Anni.
WED 29	*No Mass*	SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor	
THU 30	6.30pm	Easter Feria	Christina Kumar RIP Anni.
FRI 1 May	6.30pm	St Joseph the Worker	Beatrice Denney RIP
SAT 2	10.00am	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	Vocations to the Priesthood
	6.30pm		Mario Consjeo (Ints)
SUN 3	10.00am	+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Marika 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 7.00-8.00pm.

The Rosary: Thursday 7.00pm.

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Good Shepherd Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Each year, on this fourth Sunday of Eastertide, we hear a part of the Gospel in which the Lord Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd, who calls, leads, and protects his flock. We pray on this Sunday for priests, for vocations to the priesthood, and for our seminarians currently in formation for priesthood.

This weekend, we have a pastoral letter from Archbishop Richard Moth, our shepherd in Christ, about priesthood and vocations. He calls for a month of prayer for vocations. We will dedicate the Holy Hour on Fridays, 7-8pm, to that end, and ask that this intention be included in the Rosary prayed in church on Thursdays at 7pm. Please do join your prayers with those of the parish and diocese.

Presently, we have nineteen seminarians at various stages of formation for priesthood. We are not ordaining as many as there are priests retiring and dying. That will soon require some difficult decisions about the future of our parishes. The good news is that the number of young men coming forward is increasing. Our diocesan seminary, Allen Hall, is at full capacity, including men for other dioceses and religious orders. The prayers are bearing fruit.

Priests come from all sorts of backgrounds and situations. They receive their call at different ages. The way in which a call is manifested can be very different. If you wonder if the Lord might be calling you, please speak to me! And if there is someone you think would make a good priest, please tell them. The Lord may well use you to reach out to that person.

The Archbishop, in his pastoral letter, asks you to pray for your priests. I am very grateful for your prayers, kindness, and support for me. Together, please God, we can continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Wapping.

With assurance of my prayers for you all, 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.

May: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

PARISH NOTICES

This Weekend: Priest Training Fund – This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. Our diocese has twenty seminarians in formation for priesthood, most of them at our seminary, Allen Hall, in Chelsea. Your generosity supports these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Envelopes are available at the back of church for you to Gift Aid your donation and there will be the opportunity to donate via our contactless devices (although these cannot be gift aided). Thank you for your generosity.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the May – Mother Mary is honoured particularly in the month of May. We will pray the Rosary before the Sunday Masses throughout the month, as well as the usual praying of the Rosary in church on Thursdays, 7pm.

Repository – In the back chapel, you'll find a range of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts. With our parish celebrations for both sacraments taking place this May, it's an ideal time to come and browse the selection after Mass or visit the Parish Office during the week and speak to Lucy or Joann.

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

Baptism – The next Baptism preparation will take place over two sessions on the weekend of the Saturday 30/ Sunday 31st May at 11am, in the presbytery. Please complete the Baptism registration online at the link below and confirm attendance with Lucy in the Parish Office. Attendance at both sessions is required.

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/baptism/

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 17-24th July – Registration is now open.

https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk

Procession of Our Lady of Willesden, Sunday 10th May, 3pm – The Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for Peace.

Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Rd, London NW10 9AX

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: David Hart, Elise Fernandez.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 28th April, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Thursday 30th April, 7.30pm in the presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 9th May, 10.30am, Maria'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. Next session this Sunday, 26th April.

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

Youth Group (School Years 7-13) – Next session Sat 25th April, 7.30pm, 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)

Online (Credit/Debit Card or PayPal): parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/donate/

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