St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

13th September 2026

SAT 12 Sep	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 13	10.00am	+ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Maria & Christopher Soltysiak (Anni. Ints)
	6.30pm		John Duffy RIP
MON 14	10.00am	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Edmund Hurley RIP
TUE 15	10.00am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Ravi & Chriss Kumar RIP Anni.
WED 16	*No Mass*	Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	
THU 17	6.30pm	Feria	Private Intention
FRI 18	6.30pm	Feria	New Beginnings (Ints)
SAT 19	~~10.00am~~	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	*No morning Mass*
	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 20	10.00am	+ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Patricia McCartney RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

Masses marked ▶ are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Friday 7.00pm. Saturday & Sunday 6.00pm.

Church Open for Individual Prayer: Daily 7.00am-7.00pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 7.00-8.00pm.

The Rosary: Thursday 7.00pm.

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Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Connick
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(Day off: Wednesday)

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PARISH OFFICE: Mon, Tue & Fri 10am-3pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

It was with some considerable relief that I received the news of the defeat of the bill to legalise assisted suicide. It is our firm belief that life is a gift from God, to be treasured and protected, especially at its most vulnerable stages, and that the taking of innocent life, including assisting in the ending of life by suicide, is a grave violation of the moral law. I am grateful that our local MP, Apsana Begum, voted against.

The provision of assisted suicide, whatever the safeguards, alters our relationship with life itself, introducing to society and to medical care the principle that ending life is an appropriate response to suffering. Cardinal Nichols often said: a "right to die" can quickly become a "duty to die", as patients, doctors, family, and others, calculate the burden of remaining alive.

The Christian response to suffering is quite different: neither to prolong dying unnecessarily nor deliberately to cause death, but to relieve suffering, to accompany the dying person, and to affirm the value of their life until its natural end.

This is not a moment to celebrate. This debate has highlighted the inadequate provision of palliative care and the lack of proper hospice funding. We are blessed to have St Joseph's Hospice serving our area. Their excellent services are available to everyone in our borough, and they need our support to continue their good work.

We must pray for all those who are sick and suffering, afraid and lonely, and approaching the end of life; in thanksgiving for the generosity of healthcare professionals and carers in accompanying the dying, and asking for God's help for their work; and for our legislators to continue to uphold the dignity and sanctity of life.

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

September: Care of Water. Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water so all may have equal access to this vital resource.

https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/

PARISH NOTICES

Please Note: No Saturday 10am Mass this week, as Fr Andrew is in Walsingham.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham – This Saturday 19th September, departing 8am from St Patrick's and travelling by coach. Parishes from across our diocese will gather there with our Archbishop Richard to pray at the Shrine and walk the holy mile in procession. Return 6pm (approx.). Tickets: Adults £25, Children & OAPs £15. Book your place online, or contact Jo in the Parish Office:
https://rcwappingwalsingham2026.eventbrite.co.uk | joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" – A short course of Bible study that reveals the "big picture" of Scripture, showing how fourteen key narrative books tell the story of salvation from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church today. We will follow the major people, places, and events of the Bible to understand the story of Scripture and discover our place within it. Beginning on Monday 12th October, 7pm, in the Presbytery. Please register your interest: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/bibletimeline

Year 2-6 Catechesis, Sunday 13th September 11am-12noon in the Parish Centre. From now until Advent/Christmas we will be working on our Christmas performance and are excited to share this with you all. Please note children in school year 2/3 must be attending one of the Sunday Masses alongside weekly catechesis sessions to be invited to join the First Holy Communion Programme in the new year.

Certificates of Catholic Practice for secondary school admissions in September 2027. If you are at Mass over the weekend, please speak to Fr Andrew afterwards. The local authority deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. To request forms:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/schools/ccp/

Infant Baptism Preparation – If you would like to have your child baptised, the first step is to complete the form on the website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/sacramental-prep/baptism/

Catholicism for the Curious – This is for anyone who wants to know about Catholic faith (for both Catholics and non-Catholics), and for adult Catholics who missed out on the Sacrament of Confirmation. The group will begin meeting on Thursday 1st October, 7.30-8.30pm, meeting in the Presbytery. Please register your interest:
https://rcwapping.typeform.com/wrcia

CAFOD Kitchen Garden Sale – Fresh, just picked produce this weekend from the Kitchen Garden to include asparagus, strawberries, rhubarb, broad beans, herbs and mixed salad. On sale after morning Mass on Sunday. All proceeds to CAFOD.

Legacies - Legacy giving presents a huge opportunity for our parish and diocese. To find out more, please see the leaflets at the back of the church, available this weekend

as part of our Planned Giving Campaign. Everything you need to know, and answers to any questions you might have can be found on the website, or by contacting the Legacy Coordinator at the diocese. Thank you for everything you do for our parish.

https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/legacy | legacies@rcdow.org.uk | 020 7798 9025

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School is our local Catholic school. Stay connected with school life by reading their weekly newsletter at:

https://www.englishmartyrs.towerhamlets.sch.uk/school-newsletters.html

PARISH GROUPS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

200 Club – The August draw has taken place and all winners have been notified.

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 15th September, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Starts Thu 1st October, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 26th September, 10.30am, Maria's team.

Monday Tea and Coffee – In the Presbytery after 10am Mass.

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 Year 2) – Every Sunday during term time, 11-12 in the parish centre. Please see Lucy or Joan for more information.

Youth Adults' Group (18+) – Next session tbc.

Youth Group (School Years 7-13) – Next session tbc.

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

