St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

20th September 2026

SAT 19 Sep	6.30pm		Private Intention
SUN 20	10.00am	+ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Patricia McCartney RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
MON 21	10.00am	ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist	Private Intention
TUE 22	10.00am	Feria	Bianca and Matas (Ints)
WED 23	*No Mass*	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	
THU 24	6.30pm	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	John Stone RIP
FRI 25	6.30pm	Feria	Special Intention TSG
SAT 26	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary	Thanksgiving for Fr Andrew
	6.30pm		Ivo Geis RIP
SUN 27	10.00am	+ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
	6.30pm		The Work of the SVP

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)

In Residence: Fr Peter Harris
peterharris@rcdow.org.uk

Seminarian: John Osinkoya *(Sunday AM)*

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

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Welcome to Wapping

Please give a warm welcome to **Fr Peter Harris**, a priest of our archdiocese who moved into the Presbytery flat on Friday. Most recently, and for the last 14 years, he has served as Parish Priest of Bishop's Stortford, and as Dean of the Lea Valley, until his retirement this summer. Although he now lays down the burden of parish administration, Fr Peter retains many of his other responsibilities, including as Chairman of the Historic Churches Committee, with responsibility for listed buildings in the diocese, including our own church.

He will be with us permanently in his retirement, and able to help out in the parish on occasion. It is a pleasure to have him here in Wapping and to share in the benefit of his wisdom and experience. He knows the East End well, especially as he was once Parish Priest of Millwall and Limehouse and Dean of Tower Hamlets, so this is a "welcome home". He is very kindly celebrating Mass while I am away in Walsingham on Saturday. I suspect he will quickly become the dogs' favourite! Please pray for him in this transition and help him to feel at home.

We also welcome this Sunday **John Osinkoya**, a first-year seminarian for the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia, in formation for priesthood at Allen Hall in Chelsea. John has been sent to us for a pastoral placement on Sundays for the next year, and will be helping with the liturgy, catechesis, and maybe some home visiting. Please say hello to him and pray for him and his discernment for the priesthood.

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

"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 20th 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

LOCAL COMMUNITY

John Orwell Sports Centre update: Tower Hamlets Council is planning to build housing on the John Orwell Sports Centre. New proposals will be shared at two Council led sessions: Tuesday 22nd September, 4–7pm, and Saturday 26th September, John Orwell Sports Centre. We believe that putting housing on this site will seriously threaten the

future of our sports centre and the activities it provides for local people. Please sign up to attend these meetings. Even if you can't go, registering shows the Council that you care about the centre, and you'll still receive all the information shared. To sign up, email the Friends of John Orwell and the team will send you the link to register: johnorwell2026@gmail.com

PARISH GROUPS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 29th 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 Sat 3rd Oct, 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/

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

