St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

27th September 2026

SAT 26 Sep	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
MON 28	10.00am	Feria	William Unthank RIP Anni.
TUE 29	10.00am	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAFAEL, Archangels	Private Intention
WED 30	*No Mass*	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	
THU 1 Oct	6.30pm	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	Fr Andrew Connick (Ints)
FRI 2	6.30pm	Holy Guardian Angels	Oliver Higgins (Ints)
SAT 3	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Rafael & Ligia Hoffmann RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 4	10.00am	+ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary & Kate McCarthy
	6.30pm		Private Intention

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
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Seminarian: John Osinkoya *(Sunday AM)*

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

Parish Secretary: Lucy Knights
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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Next year, we are planning to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 16th to 23rd July 2027. We will stay together in a hotel as a group, but ask that parishioners make their own travel arrangements. During the week, we will join the activities organised by the diocese.

At this stage, we are looking for expressions of interest so that we can explore suitable hotel and transfer options. Once we have an idea of numbers, we will be able to provide further information, including estimated costs and travel arrangements. If you are interested in joining us, please complete the form using the link below.

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/lourdes2027

Blessed Fulton Sheen

On Friday, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was beatified in St Louis, Missouri, USA. He is best known, both in the United States and beyond, for his television programme "Life is Worth Living", which began in 1951 and ran for many years. Archbishop Sheen was a gifted communicator, using a simple chalkboard to teach and inspire a generation of Catholics, addressing faith, morals, suffering, family, and human dignity. His show had a regular audience of 30 million.

He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria in 1919, earnt a doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, in 1923, and spent much of his priesthood teaching at the Catholic University of America, Washington DC. He emphasised prayer as the indispensable source of his apostolate: he never missed his daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. He had a deep desire to make the Church's teaching intelligible and compelling for ordinary people, becoming first a radio presenter in the 1930s.

He was made an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New York in 1951, and then Bishop of Rochester in 1966. He retired in 1969 and was given the personal title of Archbishop. In 1979, Pope St John Paul II visited New York. Embracing the frail Archbishop Sheen, he said: "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a loyal son of the Church." Archbishop Sheen died two months later.

The miracle required for his beatification took place in 2010 when a child born without heartbeat or respiration was revived after 61 minutes to perfect health. We ask his prayers now for all those who seek to evangelise through modern media.

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.

October: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

Youth Group for Years 7 to 13 – Next session Saturday 3rd October, following Mass at 6.30pm, in the Upper Room, with faith-filled Catholic discussions, pizza, and fun activities. Please register if new to the group: http://rcwapping.typeform.com/youthgroup

Year 2-6 Catechesis, Sunday 27th September 11.15am-12.15am 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/curious

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.

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

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Let's Talk Cancer: Facts Not Fear – Friday 2nd October 10.30am-12.30pm at the Idea Store, Whitechapel. Refreshments provided.

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 10th October, 10.30am, Beryl'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, 11.15am - 12.15am 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) – Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the upper room of the parish centre.

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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