St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

25th October 2026

SAT 24 Oct	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 25	10.00am ▶	+ THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Monica Clark RIP
	6.30pm		Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
MON 26	10.00am ▶	Feria	Private Intention
TUE 27	10.00am ▶	Feria	Monica Clark RIP
WED 28	*No Mass*	SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles	
THU 29	6.30pm ▶	Blessed Martyrs of Douai	Eileen Griffin RIP (100th B'day)
FRI 30	**10.00am** ▶	Feria	Daud Mubarak RIP Anni.
SAT 31	10.00am ▶	Feria	Ravi, Chriss RIP & Sheila Kumar (Ints), & Kathleen Aspell RIP
	6.30pm		Deceased Members of the Aspell & Kumar Families RIP
SUN 1 Nov	10.00am ▶	**+ ALL SAINTS**	Eileen Griffin RIP B'day
	6.30pm		Ravi & Chriss Kumar, Kathleen Aspell RIP

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: Resumes Friday 6th November, 7-8pm.

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:

The Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

Thursday this week, 29th October, our diocese keeps the feast of the Blessed Martyrs of Douai College. The English College at Douai was established by William Allen (later Cardinal) on Michaelmas Day, 29th September, 1568, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. The Protestant Reformation in England was in full swing. Douai was then the Spanish Netherlands, now northern France.

Originally, it was intended as a college for exiles from England, a place where they could continue their studies in a way no longer possible for Catholics at English universities. Cardinal Allen intended to prepare clergy for the return to England when 'the new religion' had run its course. The new priests, however, proved unwilling to wait and many of them returned to England in secret, knowing it meant death.

The first priest of Douai to be martyred was St Cuthbert Mayne in 1577; the last martyr of the college was Blessed Thomas Thwing in 1680. In total, the Church recognises one hundred and fifty-eight Douai Martyrs.

The College was suppressed in 1793, during the French Revolution, and the collegians imprisoned for thirteen months at Doullens, Picardy. They were released in November 1794 and given permission to return to England. Here, they founded St Edmund's College at Old Hall Green, Ware, Hertfordshire, and St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, near Durham. Although still severely restricted, Catholics were tolerated by this time.

In 1975, the seminary moved again to Chelsea, and was named Allen Hall after its founder. It occupies part of the site of St Thomas More's Great House. Most of the priests of our diocese trained at either St Edmund's or Allen Hall. We have the Douai Martyrs as our predecessors and intercessors. Thursday is a great solemnity at Allen Hall. Please ask the Blessed Martyrs of Douai to pray for all our seminarians there.

God bless you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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.

November: For proper use of wealth. Let us pray that wealth be used for the common good, avoiding selfishness and supporting those in need.

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

PARISH NOTICES

Change of Mass: Friday 10am (instead of 6.30pm).

November Book of the Dead – Please take a sheet and fill in the names of your departed loved ones, so they can be included in the intention at Mass each day in November. You can return your list, together with an offering for Mass if you wish, to the sacristy after Mass or drop it through the Presbytery letterbox on Dundee Street.

St Patrick's Christmas Fair – Sunday 29th November, 11am-2pm. Our festive gathering, with mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies, and our usual selection of delicious cakes to enjoy, as we come together to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. You'll also find Christmas stalls, craft stalls, and Father Christmas. We're looking for donations of bottles for the bottle stall, please, which can be left in the sacristy before/after Mass or at the Parish Office. Please save the date.

Pensioners' Christmas Party – Thursday 10th December, 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please email Jo or call the Parish Office to reserve your place.

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 16th-23rd July 2027 – We are arranging a parish group, staying together in a hotel, but ask that parishioners make their own travel arrangements. During the week, we will join the activities organised by the diocese. The cost for the accommodation is £400 per person (based of two people sharing), full board, including tourist tax and the pilgrim levy. For a single person in a single room, the cost is £519. For more information, please complete the form using the link below. We need a £100 deposit to secure a place, due by 2nd November.

https://rcwapping.typeform.com/lourdes2027

"Shakespeare's Cousin" – A play about Robert Southwell. Young radical genius. Saint. Best poet of his age. Shakespeare's favourite. Recently captured by notorious priest-hunter Sir Richard Topcliffe. Cancelled. Erased from history by the Reformation. His most heinous crime? Being a Jesuit priest. Written and directed by Jonathan Moore, a regular parishioner at St Patrick's. It is playing Tuesdays to Saturdays, from 10th November to 28th November, 7.30pm at the White Bear Theatre, Kennington. Tickets £23 standard, £18 concessions. Fr Andrew is planning to attend on Tuesday 24th November, if any parishioners want to join him. Please book your own tickets and, if you wish, let Fr Andrew or the Parish Office know that you're attending that day:

https://www.whitebeartheatre.co.uk/whatson/shakespeare's-cousin

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" – **POSTPONED** until further notice. Sincere apologies for having to postpone this course. The publisher, Ascension Press, has had to order a new print of the materials, and the distributer in the UK is unsure when they will arrive. You're welcome to sign up, and we will announce a start date as soon as the books arrive. https://rcwapping.typeform.com/bibletimeline

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/

Will Aid – Making or Updating your Will: Each November, participating solicitors across the UK take part in Will Aid. Instead of charging their usual fee for writing a basic Will, they invite you to make a voluntary donation to Will Aid's partner charities. You can find out more and search for a participating solicitor using the link below. If appropriate, you might even consider a gift to the parish. https://www.willaid.org.uk

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 27th October, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session 29th October, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 7th November, 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) – Resumes Sunday 8th November, after half term.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – First session TBC.

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

Youth Group (School Years 7-13) – Next session Sat 21st Nov, 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



REGULAR NOTICES

Catholicism for the Curious, Thursdays 7.30-8.30pm – This is for anyone who wants to know about Catholic faith (for both Catholics and non-Catholics), meeting in the Presbytery. Please register your interest: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/curious

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

Year 2-6 Catechesis, Sunday 27th September 11.15am-12.15am in the Parish Centre. 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 beginning in the new year. Please complete the registration form for catechesis:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/primary-catechesis/