St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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ALL SAINTS

1st November 2026

SAT 31 Oct	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
MON 2	**7.00am**	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)	Holy Souls
	10.00am		Private Intention
	6.30pm		Holy Souls
TUE 3	10.00am	Feria	Ada & Frank Brassett RIP
WED 4	*No Mass*	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	
THU 5	6.30pm	Feria	Biddy Sullivan RIP B'day
FRI 6	**10.00am**	Feria	Frank Brassett RIP
SAT 7	10.00am ▶	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Kathleen Bridget Aspell RIP
	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 8	10.00am ▶	+ THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	William John Cooper RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		Tom Eves (Ints)

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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(Away Monday-Friday)

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

All Hallows

We begin November each year with the great solemnity of All Saints. In old English it was "All Hallows" (*hallow* means *saint*). A saint is a soul in heaven: someone who died in grace and friendship with God, purified of any sin. They enjoy the glorious vision of God, face to face, for ever. The company of saints is drawn from every time and nation and state of life. It includes famous popes and martyrs, but also innumerable others who lived quiet lives and whose names are not known to history. There are bound to be saints, unknown to us, from our own families. On All Saints, we honour our glorious brothers and sisters, known and unknown, and we ask for God's grace to find our own path to holiness.

It was once a custom in much of Catholic Europe to hold evening vigils with pious celebrations the night before a major feast. The vigil before "All Hallows", on 31st October, was "All Hallows Eve" or "Halloween".

There is nothing pagan in the origin of Halloween, as was later claimed. It was first celebrated in the eighth century as a Christian feast. The occult aspects (ghosts and demons) have their origin in Christianity, too. Medieval Christians believed that at certain times of year, like Halloween and Christmas, the veil separating earth from purgatory, heaven and hell becomes thinner, allowing souls in purgatory (ghosts) and demons from hell to be more readily seen. The Church never taught this formally.

Churches often displayed the bones and other relics of saints on Halloween for public veneration. There were other customs, too. In England, children begged door-to-door for "soul cakes", promising to pray for the donors' loved ones in purgatory: that is the origin of "trick or treating". Many of these different customs from around Europe coalesced in the United States and become modern Halloween traditions.

Our parish has a small number of relics, and these will be placed before the altar this weekend, helping us to unite ourselves with our brothers and sisters now in glory. You're welcome to have a closer look, but please don't touch them.

I'm away Monday to Friday this week in Rome with the other Vocations Directors for England and Wales, and very grateful to Fr Peter for holding the fort.

A blessed "Allhallowtide" to you all, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

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

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed ("All Souls' Day"), Monday 3rd November – Masses at 7am, 10am and 6.30pm.

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

No livestreaming of Masses Monday-Friday this week.

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.

Youth Group for Years 7 to 13 – Next session Saturday 21st November, 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

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 reserve your place: joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk | 020 7481 2202

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. 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

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

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.

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

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/