St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year A) 22nd November 2026

SAT 21 Nov	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 22	10.00am	**+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	John Sullivan RIP B'day
	6.30pm		Bill Delay RIP
MON 23	10.00am	Feria	William & Kathleen Aldridge RIP
TUE 24	10.00am	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions	Mary Christina Kumar (Chriss) RIP
WED 25	*No Mass*	Feria	
THU 26	6.30pm	Feria	Protection of the Unborn
FRI 27	6.30pm	Feria	Andrew Aspell RIP
SAT 28	10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Franca Bardi Stone (Ints)
	6.30pm		Maria & Franciszek Pasterny RIP
SUN 29	10.00am	+ 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Chris & Amber (Thanksgiving)
	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)

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:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today, the last Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Is Christ King now? Our faith says yes. He is risen and seated at the right hand of the Father. Yet when we look at the world, and into our own hearts, it doesn't always seem so. As the Letter to the Hebrews admits, "we do not yet see everything in subjection to him."

We call this the "already, not yet." Christ's reign has truly begun, yet we await its fulfilment. The Second Vatican Council put it this way: the Kingdom is "already present in mystery" and will be "brought into full flower" when the Lord returns. Today's second reading holds both halves together. Christ must reign until every enemy is defeated, death last of all. Then he hands the kingdom to the Father, "so that God may be all in all."

In 1925, Pope Pius XI, alarmed by the rise of totalitarian regimes in Europe, Russia and Mexico, established this feast on the last Sunday of October, with a focus on the rule of Christ in human society. In 1969, Pope Saint Paul VI moved it to the very end of the liturgical year and named it "King of the Universe." Now our journey through the life of Christ ends each year by looking ahead to the end of all things, when his kingship will be complete and plain for everyone to see.

Every time we pray "Thy kingdom come," we admit the Kingdom isn't yet here fully. Every time we feed the hungry, forgive an enemy or tell the truth when it costs us, we show that it has already begun.

Next Sunday we begin a new year in the Church with the season of Advent, but this is not yet about the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. There is a dovetailing of the end of one year and the beginning of the next. The first half of Advent is full of the same hope that pervades today's feast: of the Second Coming of Christ on the Last Day, and the full flowering of his reign and Kingdom.

A very happy feast to you all, and God bless you, 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

Sick and Retired Priests Fund – Retiring collection this weekend. Priests offer their resignation from office at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick and Retired Priests Fund, you help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency their needs will be met. There are envelopes at the back of church to Gift Aid donations.

"Operation Elf" – Thank you for your continued support of this year's Operation Elf. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by the prison staff who work so hard to organise the annual Family Fun Day. This year, Lucy and Angie have been invited to attend the Family Fun Day at HMP Belmarsh, giving them the opportunity to see first-hand how the gifts you have so kindly donated are distributed to the children. I'm sure they will share their experiences and tell you all about their visit when they return. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. Your support really does make a difference.

CAFOD Kitchen Garden Appeal – The Kitchen Garden team are hoping to raise £500 for an automated drip irrigation system to manage water resources more efficiently, reduce water wastage, and better utilise volunteer help. Thank you for your help.

https://givealittle.co/c/1TLW6ka1OYaHgsu3tsPtYd

Youth Group for Years 7 to 13 – Next session this 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 unwanted gifts, which should be new and not opened. We are also looking for donations of bottles for the bottle stall. All items can be left in the sacristy before/after Mass or at the Parish Office. Additionally, if you can volunteer on the day, we would be very grateful. Please contact Jo: joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk

Christmas Grotto – Father Christmas is visiting St Patrick's Church for the Christmas fair! Come meet him in his grotto and share the magic of Christmas. Little ones can tell him their Christmas wishes, enjoy a festive sweet treat, and take home a special gift. A fun, festive treat for all our youngest parishioners! Tickets £10. Book your tickets online (timed entry): https://rcwappinggrotto2026.eventbrite.co.uk

Christmas Decorations – Father Christmas has already started his journey here but lost his decorations on the way. Do you have any spare or old Christmas decorations at home that he can use? If so, please drop them into Lucy or Jo in the parish office before next Friday or leave them in the sacristy. Thank you.

Cakes and baked goods – We need parishioners to bake for our stall at the Christmas fair. You can bring your items directly to the hall on Sunday morning. For allergy reasons, please ensure you list the ingredients that you have used. Thank you!

Pensioners' Christmas Party – Thursday 10th December 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please reserve your place: joanncondon@rcdow.org.uk | 020 7481 2202

PARISH GROUPS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

Bingo for the Over 50s – Tuesday 24th November, 12.30pm, in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Catholicism for the Curious – Next session 26th November, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 21st November, 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) – No sessions 22nd and 29th November.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – First 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

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

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 15th November 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/