

NEWSLETTER

St. Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B.

3rd Sunday of Easter

15th April 2018

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Psalm

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Mass times and intentions

Sat Vigil 6pm Canon Garry Pierce

Sunday 9am People of the Parish
11am

Monday 10am

Tuesday 10am Rev. Timothy Buckley

Wednesday 7pm

Thursday 10am

Friday 10am

Next weekend. 4th Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for the vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Sat Vigil 6pm Thomas Francis Davitt RIP

Sun 9am
11am People of the Parish

Life breakfast in Hall
after 9am Mass.
Bar after 11am Mass.

NEXT WEEK - Second Collection - Ecclesiastical Education

Ecclesiastical Education: this collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE. The Justice and Peace Group are collecting baby clothes for destitute mothers and their babies for the next four 4 weeks. Items needed: 0-3 months babygros, sleepsuits, vests, bibs, muslin cloths, wipes, shawls, blankets, clean old towels and buggies.

Human trafficking and modern slavery is an issue of great concern in our society today. It happens within our communities. What are the signs of trafficking and how do we stop it in our communities and society? We shall be having Fr Mark Odion from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to address us at all the weekend masses on the 14th and 15 of April. There is no collection involved as Fr. Mark is here to raise awareness.

Collections last weekend.**Offertory:**

Cash not Gift-aided: £384 Cash Gift-aided: £260
 Standing Orders: Gift-aided - £250; **Total: £894**

THANK YOU.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of St. Aidan's SVP Conference will take place on the evening of Monday 16th April at 8.15pm in the Marian Room

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

Please let Leonie have your unavailable dates for May/June/July by **Monday 23 April**
 (leonie@thewildings.eclipse.co.uk; 01737 556508)

Parish Fete 2018 - April Update

For the **month of April**, we would appreciate your support for the Parish Fete by ...

Collecting Green Tokens every time you shop at Waitrose, Coulsdon as part of their Waitrose Community Matters Programme. The more tokens we collect, the bigger a share of the £1000 fund we'll receive - so please keep this in mind when shopping and perhaps grab more than one token at a time, if you can!

Donating teddies (in good condition) or unwanted bottles of booze which will be used as prizes for the teddy/bottle tombolas on Fete day. Donations can be left in the church entrance and we'll collect weekly.

SVP NATIONWIDE COFFEE MORNING in aid of SVP work with young people.

Thursday 26 April after 10am Mass

Please bring all your friends for coffee, tea and home made cakes.

Recently deceased.

Irene Graham RIP (Orford House nursing Home) Funeral Mass at St. Aidan's , Monday 30th April 10am. **May she rest in peace.**

Please pray for the sick and housebound:

Baby Bernadette, Mary Smith, Kathy Gaffney, Marina Dormer, Elsa Garratt, Adrian Parsons, Dave O' Donoghue, Julie Smith, James Tomlin, Jerry Twomey, Sarah Bell, Mary Crehan, Colin Hadley, Claudette Lovell, Sammy McCarroll, Peggy Cauchi, Joseph Darville, Geoff Wood, Jeanette Newman, Bridget Browne, Noëlle Kelly, Sandra Payne, Luke Madalura and Eddie Aldridge.

Purley Food Hub's April Food List

Items needed for April are listed below. Cartons of long life whole milk and fruit juice and bottles of squash continue to be the most needed items and are in bold below. After the first three months of the year, the Purley Food Hub have given out nearly 950 milk cartons alone.

For the next 4 weeks boxes will be placed in the Church porch to collect donations as there is currently no collection points in Coulsdon except for the monthly collection outside Waitrose. The collection points inside Waitrose and Tesco go to other Food Hubs organised by the Trussel Trust. Please would you consider buying just 2 extra items weekly and bring them to church at the weekend?

**Long life whole milk/fruit juice
Bottles of squash**

Jars of peanut butter ~ Tinned carrots
 Tinned pulses: kidney beans, butterbeans
 Tinned meat: corned beef, chicken, ham
 Small packets of sugar (500g)
 Hot chocolate requiring only hot water
 Packet custard requiring only water
 Tin openers ~ Unisex deodorant ~ Shower gel

Thank you for your continued generosity.

200 Club - Next draw Sunday 29th April 2018.

Renewals for people who joined the 200 Club in February and March 2017 have now been received, although there are a handful still outstanding, and we are contacting them. If you joined this time last year, and have not yet paid your 2018 subscriptions, please contact Peter McFall. Renewals for those who joined in April 2017 are now due and once again we have written to those of you who chose to pay by cheque, cash or direct bank payment asking you to renew for a further 12 months. Peter McFall will send a Text message to those of you whose address he does not have.

Anyone who is not a member can join at any time. There are approximately 50 numbers available, mostly between 100-200, but there are a few lower numbers free as well. The cost is £25 a year, and there is a monthly prize of £200. If you wish to join, or you wish to apply for additional numbers (up to a maximum of 4), please contact Peter McFall on 07762 497938 or email peter_mcfall@hotmail.com

Worth Abbey

A monastic weekend to encourage discernment, May 11th - 13th. Particularly for men with a sense of calling to the religious life or the priesthood. For further details please contact Fr. Peter.

Mass for Migrants 2018

The Diocese of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood will be holding the Annual Mass for Migrants on **Monday 7th May 2018** at St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1. Banner procession at 10.45am followed by Mass at 11am. All are welcome to join us.

We are also looking for singers to take part in the choir for the Mass. All are welcome to participate. There are two rehearsals scheduled on Saturday 14th April 2018 from 2pm – 5pm and on Friday 27th April 2018 from 7pm – 9.30pm in the Amigo Hall (next to the Cathedral at the entrance on Lambeth Road, SE1) Please contact Frances Novillo francesnovillo@yahoo.co.uk in advance that you will be attending both rehearsals.

Afternoon Tea: Friday 20th April at 4 o'clock in the hall. If you would like to join us please add your name to the list in the church porch. Donation of £3.50. Enquiries to Brenda Eydman 01737 552610

Milk Bottle Tops - Update

THANK YOU for your contributions so far to our collection of **plastic milk bottle tops**. We delivered a very large bag of milk bottle tops to our contact at Our Lady of the Annunciation in Addiscombe just before Easter, and it would be great if we could make this a regular delivery. Just to remind you, these are sent to a company who granulate them so that they can be recycled into other products, in return for a donation to a nominated charity. The charity chosen to benefit in this case is A Rocha, a Christian environmental charity. If you would like to help with the scheme, please bring your plastic milk bottle tops and place them in the designated box in the porch.

Milk bottle tops only please; if there is anything in a bag which clearly isn't a milk-bottle top, that bag is rejected and the chosen charity doesn't get paid. Please note that tops must be washed clean, and be free of any paper, rubber or foil inserts.

Digital photographs of Parish Life for our new website.....

As construction of the new parish website continues we need digital photographs depicting parish life at St. Aidan's. If you have any good photos of parish life such as church services, social events, the parish fete, or parish celebrations that you would be happy to share then we would like to see them. Please note we can only use pictures of children with the permission of their parents. If you have any such photos please send to staidanspremisesteam@gmail.com

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If you are celebrating an anniversary this year – your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th plus – Archbishop Peter would like to invite you to a Mass in celebration of marriage at St George's Cathedral. It's on Saturday June 16 at 3pm. Enter your details on the slip below and give it or email the details to Fr. Peter. You will then receive a personal invitation from the Archbishop. You can also bring your immediate family. More details from Office for Marriage on 020 8651 2477 or mail marriage2014@virginmedia.com

Names _____

Telephone _____ Number of years married _____

Address _____

Dear Sisters & Brothers.

This Sunday you will find a two page flyer attached to the Newsletter regarding the Eucharistic Congress / Pilgrimage taking place in Liverpool in September of this year. Each parish is asked to send two delegates. I am grateful to Janet O'Donnell and Bridget Hanlon for agreeing to represent St. Aidan's.

The three day gathering in Liverpool should provide an opportunity of renewal for the Catholic communities and parishes in England and Wales. However, this will not happen if the event in Liverpool is the only focus. In the time before, during and after the congress there needs to be prayer, discussion, teaching and a renewal in the living out of our discipleship. As a parish community we will need to look at how best we can enter into the spirit of the congress locally.

Among the seven Eucharistic themes that our diocese is highlighting there is an emphasis on the liturgy of the Mass as well as adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Mission is also given prominence as it arises from that fact that we are 'sent out' at the end of each Mass to live out what we have received. In St. John 's Gospel this aspect is emphasised very powerfully by Jesus washing the disciples feet at the Last Supper and mandating them to copy what he has done. In other words receiving Holy Communion is inseparable from being servants in the world in which we live.

We believe that Jesus is always sacramentally present in the tabernacle of every Catholic church even when Mass is not being celebrated. We also have the ancient Catholic tradition of adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during Exposition and Benediction. The congress is a call to look at how we celebrate the liturgy of the Mass as well as focusing on opportunities of adoration outside of Mass.

In the Catholic Catechism we read:

It was above all on "the first day of the week," Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, that the Christians met "to break bread." [Acts. 20:7]. From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the centre of the Church's life, (of our life).
[Catechism 1343]

Yours in Christ, 

Invitation to a talk concerning Adoremus - Eucharistic Congress / Pilgrimage.

You are invited to St Columba's in Selsdon at 8pm on April 25 and find out about the first Eucharistic congress to take place in England for 110 years. It's scheduled for September in Liverpool. Its aim: to renew the Church – that's all of us – by deepening the faith of Catholics in the Eucharist. The Newman Association is organising the talk at St Columba's and all are welcome. Speaker is Fr. John Mulligan our diocesan coordinator.