

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year C.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th September 2019

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Psalm

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Mass times and intentions

Sat Vigil	6pm	Margaret Almeida RIP
Sunday	9am	Eva Fernandes RIP
	11am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Staff & Patients of former Cane Hill Hospital
Tuesday		*No Mass*
Wednesday	9.30am	Fr. John Naughton's Intentions
Thursday	9.30am	Intention of Mary Doherty
Friday	9.30am	Moniz Family Int <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>

LIFE Breakfasts after 9am Mass.
Bar open after 11am Mass.

Next Weekend 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Day

Vigil	6pm	Molly O'Brien RIP & Family
Sun	9am	Colin Hadley RIP
	11am	People of the Parish

This week no Mass Tuesday but Mass on Wednesday 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

Saturday after evening Mass and 1st Saturdays at 12 noon. Also by appointment.

This Week - Second Collection - Catholic Education Service (CES)

The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

9am Mass
Psalm 89 / 90
Please join in the Psalm response.



O Lord, you have been our ref-uge from one ge-ne-ra-tion to the next.

Collections last weekend.

Offertory:

Cash not Gift-aided: £269 Gift-aided: £402
Standing Orders: Gift-aided - £304; **Total: £975**

Thank you

Catholic secondary school admissions.

For those starting in September 2020.

Please sign the list in porch.

Please help yourselves to the apples on the trees in the garden of the Parish House.

Holy Communion - Parent's Meeting

This is a gentle reminder for parents whose children will be on the Holy Communion programme commencing later this month, that the Parent's meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th September at 8pm in the Church Hall**. This meeting is for Parents only to attend.

Weekly Friday Adoration will recommence on Friday 20th September - further details to Follow.

Job Vacancy

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and reliable midday meals supervisor (5 days per week, 12.00 – 1.30pm), commencing mid-September. The position is term time only for a fixed term contract of 1 year initially. The hourly rate for the post is £10.55 per hour.

A detailed job description and further details about the role can be obtained by contacting the school office on 01737 556036 or admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk

St Aidan's is committed to safer recruitment and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please pray for the sick and housebound:

Christopher Hurley, Eufrecenia (Sannie) Ligouri, Patrick Connors, Margaret El Sayed (nee Philand) Bridget Hanlon, John Stradling, Joseph Brusadelli, Josie Davitt, Eileen Mallows, Julie Smith, Bernadette Blaquiere, Ann Walker, Peter Leeks, Mary Reynolds, Claudette Lovell, Sammy McCarroll, Trudy Kiely, Mary Crehan, Mary Smith, Louise Harris, James Tomlin, John Cooksey, Sarah Bell, Chris Antoniou, Joseph Darville, Barbara & Geoff Wood.

Annual Parish Mass and sacrament of anointing for the Sick - Saturday 28th September at 12 noon in the church

followed by lunch and refreshments in the Parish Hall provided by the SVP.

To enable us to cater for the correct number of people it is very important to know who will be attending the lunch and refreshments. Would those who wish to attend the lunch please advise any member of the Parish SVP Society or Andrew Dunlop (Mob: 07910 971479. email: ad2ad2@icloud.com) or Frank Conway (Mob: 07905 588659. email: FrankStroller@aol.com).

All parishioners are welcome to attend the Service.

Next Week - Second Collection - Home Mission Sunday

This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

HOLIDAY HUNGER

Our Justice and Peace Group are seriously concerned about the issue of HOLIDAY HUNGER and are trying to find out what provision is made in Croydon and how we can work together with the Council and other groups in Croydon.

If you have any knowledge of and/or are concerned about this issue, we welcome you to a meeting on **Monday 16 Sept. at 8pm in the Parish Room.**

WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE.

The Justice and Peace Group are collecting baby clothes for destitute mothers and their babies.

Items needed: 0-3 months babygros, sleepsuits, vests, bibs, muslin cloths, wipes, shawls, blankets, clean old towels and buggies. Nappies for premature and 0-3 month babies. New Men's and Women's underwear.

Purley Food Hub - September 2019 List

Long life fruit juice & whole milk ~ small bottles of squash ~ packets of dried potato, soup & savoury biscuits ~ small bags of sugar ~ tinned rice pudding & dessert fruit ~ unisex shower gel ~ small washing up liquid.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

You are invited to a celebration of your marriage. However long you have been married, come along to St Columba's, Selsdon, South Croydon, from 9.45am till 4.30pm on **Saturday 28 September**. The day is for couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them a bit better.

Booking is essential: phone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists Saturday 28 September 2019, 10.30am to 4.30pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR.

This Day is for all the Catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. The cost per catechist is £10 and will include a catered sandwich lunch.

Please see or email Fr Peter if you wish to attend.

Notes from Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 16th July 2019

The Parish Pastoral Council held a meeting on 16th July; we began with an opening prayer. It was the last Council meeting to be attended by Michael O'Callahan so we marked the occasion to thank him for the enormous contribution he has made to Parish life and the Parish Council over many years. Michael was presented with a gift of a silver plated photograph frame in appreciation of all he has done for us. It was also the first meeting of the newly elected members, Sue Carr, Pauline D'Mello-Maplesden and Penne Hutton and we thanked them for being prepared to step forward and serve the parish. The full minutes of the meeting are available on the website and the parish notice board.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 26th September 2019.

We would be pleased to hear from members of the parish on any subject. Please speak to any member of the council, drop a letter into the sacristy or contact Gerry via odonnellgerry@outlook.com.

Gospel passage - issues of translation.

At the opening of today's Gospel we may feel disconcerted to hear Jesus saying:

'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple'.

It seems a very non Christian way of acting if we were to take it literally.

The problem with this and several other biblical passages is that it is impossible to translate them into another language and culture without losing something of the original meaning. Jesus spoke in Aramaic which in turn was translated into Greek when St Luke wrote his gospel. It is then translated into English for us. The translation process here is linguistically accurate but there are expressions which do not convey the original meaning when they are translated across several cultures and epochs.

In today's passage the word 'hate' does not mean what it would mean to us in English. All gospel passages have to be interpreted in the context of all of Christ's teaching and actions. Bearing that in mind it could not mean what it literally says. Furthermore the Christian tradition has never taught people to hate their family.

The meaning seems to be about a hierarchy of choices. Jesus is saying that for his followers their first choice must be for him and the kingdom of God. Nothing comes before that. The Christian tradition teaches that when Christ comes first and is at the centre of our lives all other relationships fall into their rightful place. In Christ all our relationships become aligned to our relationship with him. No loved one is lost to us when we choose Jesus.

In this context 'hate' means moving others away from taking first place to make Jesus the centre of our lives. That is not conveyed very well in English. However, in the language of the culture in which Jesus lived it would have been understood by the disciples.

Fr. Peter

Social Club – Parish Hall Sunday after mass - Everyone Welcome

The parish social club invites new and existing families, and individuals, to join us after the 11.00 am Sunday Mass in the parish hall. There is a licenced bar serving hot and cold drinks. All family members are most welcome. Meet and talk to other members of the parish – get to know your community. Our social club committee also organises events during the year such as a Summer BBQ, fundraising socials, formal dinner and dance events and a children's Christmas party.

Come along and see what your club has to offer

8th September is the birthday of Our Blessed Mother Mary.



Plant a tree or two or three!!! Support a charity that plants trees in this country or in poorer communities around the world.

Why it is good to plant trees.

- They remove pollutants and some greenhouse gases from the air
- They provide habitats for animals, birds and insects.
- They capture rainwater and can reduce flooding.
- They provide food, shade, they are good for our health and of course they are beautiful.

Floating Shelter 2019.

Our annual commitment with local churches to provide a warm shelter for the homeless during the cold November and December months is now being organised. This year's dates are: Nov 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, Dec 5th, 12th and 19th.

We would welcome new volunteers to help in any of the following ways; setting up the hall (5.30 - 7pm), chatting to our guests or helping in the kitchen (6.45 - 10.30), overnight stay (10pm - 7am), breakfast (6.30 - 8am) and clearing up the hall (8-9am). If you like cooking we have a Food Rota too.

There is a particular need for more overnights and any driver willing to deliver or collect laundry would be much appreciated.

Please look at the poster in the porch this weekend showing more information.

If you feel you could help in any way please email maureenlee213@hotmail.co.uk or call 07731533643 for more details by Sunday 22nd September.

St. Aidan's School. Open Sessions Autumn 2019.

Thu 19th Sept 6.30pm -7.30pm

Wed 25th Sept 9.30am - 10.30am

Thu 31st Oct 2pm - 3pm.

Fri 15th Nov 9.30 -10.30am

LIFE BREAKFASTS resume this Sunday, after the 9am Mass. For those who've never tried it, a rota of teams, (generally three volunteers), prepare a simple breakfast to greet people after Mass. You can choose between an inexpensive bacon roll or croissant, and chocolate crêpes seem popular with youngsters, always remembering you will be supporting a worthwhile charity as you enjoy your breakfast.

If you think you could make up a small team of friends to join the rota, it would be terrific... Just mention it to Dermot Mooney, who will tell you all you need to know.

Parish Social Late Summer Party

Sunday 15th September Parish Hall

1 - 4 pm - Bar open from 12 noon.

Food and Live Entertainment with a Licensed Bar. Come along and join the fun.

Think of it as an indoor BBQ! There will be a small charge for food to cover costs.

Altar linen.

We urgently need help with washing the small altar cloths which are used with chalices at Mass. A four week rota would require four people to help. If you can help please speak to Fr. Peter or email couldson@rcaos.org.uk