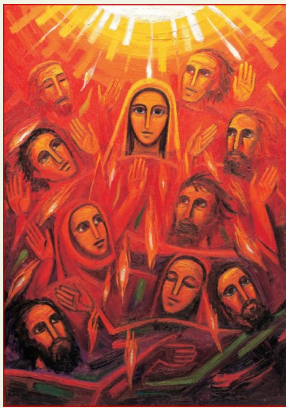


NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year A

Pentecost Sunday

28th May 2023

All Masses are streamed for housebound on the parish YouTube channel: **St Aidans Coulsdon**

Saturday Vigil 6pm Welfare of Hilary Devine

Sunday 9am Colin Hadley RIP

Sunday 11am Grenville Dias RIP

Monday 10am Jack and Monica Fosberry RIP

Tuesday **No public Mass here.**

Wednesday 10am Teresa Leonard RIP

Thursday **No public Mass here.**

Friday 10am Deceased members of Phillips and Watts families **Exposition until 11am**

Saturday Vigil 6pm Derek Divine RIP

Sunday 9am Margaret O'Donnell RIP **Sunday 11am** Dias Family Intention

**Life breakfast today.
Bar open after 11am Mass.**

Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

Pentecost.

Today we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and disciples, including Mary the mother of Jesus. It is also a day to reflect on the gift of the Spirit to the Church and to all of us who are Christ's disciples.

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit and ask for a renewal of the grace of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation in our lives and in the life of our Parish.

Afternoon Tea Friday 2nd June in the Church Hall at 4 o'clock for a donation £5.00
Please speak to Brenda Eydman after 9 o'clock Mass or Telephone 01737 552610 to book a place.

Weekday Masses

Please note that there is a change to the week day mass schedule on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Mass on Wednesday will be at 10am. There is no mass here on Thursday due to there being a special mass at the Cathedral which Fr Peter will be attending.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Anne Walker, Eileen & Jack Darville, Caroline Garvey, Pat Kelly, Truda Hobbs, Rhona Devine, Margaret O'Leary, Marion McCluskey, Jean Hunt, Mary Crehan, Winn Jordan, Charlie Hooke, Allen Reilly, David Gibson, Veronica Lydon-McCluskey, Juliette Hinds, Sammy McCarroll, Sarah Bell, Rosie Longworth, Anthony Grimshaw, Bernadette Blaquiere, Eileen Brockhurst, Czeslaw Sajadak, Trudy Kiely, John Cooksey, Geoff Wood, Joseph Darville, Margaret Long, Norma Cordell, Christopher Thomas, Coral Hind, Jean Turner, Freda Blade, David Morling. And all who are sick.

Dear sisters and brothers,

Thank you to those who accepted nominations for vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). All places have now been filled and there will be more information about that very soon, including goodbyes and welcomes to individuals.

As five members come off the PPC it seems an appropriate time to express my gratitude and say how invaluable our PPC was during the worst Covid years. They helped to develop the online communication, they organised the excellent contact system for the elderly and they ensured that the challenges brought about by distancing and the many other protection requirements at church were energetically addressed and organised. Many other parishioners outside the PPC became involved in stewarding, booking systems, etc. The PPC was an invaluable support to me in meeting the challenge of managing an unprecedented and unimaginable set of circumstances. Thank you so much to all who served and continue to serve on our Parish Council. Gerry O'Donnell will soon end his term of office as Chair but will continue as a member. Thank you to him for having served for over seven years in that role and for his exemplary commitment and support.

FR Peter

**Father
pour out your Spirit
upon the people of this parish.
Grant us
a new vision of your glory
a new experience of your power
a new faithfulness to your Word
a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us
and together in Christ Jesus
we may witness
to your Kingdom.
A kingdom of
truth, life, justice, peace and love.**

**NEXT WEEKEND Second collection. For
Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid (BCWA)**

Domestic Abuse is largely hidden and under-reported in our society and yet it is a huge problem not only for the victims who are predominantly women but also because of the adverse impact on the many children who witness it. It is no respecter of age, background, disability or ethnicity and is not just about violence but can take many forms such as coercive control, financial or emotional/psychological abuse. In the year ending March 2020 an estimated 1.6 Million women experienced domestic abuse in the UK.

The BCWA is a non profit making organisation that offers practical and emotional support and advice to women experiencing domestic abuse and runs 2 Refuges in Croydon for women and their children. They are only partially funded by statutory bodies and charities and rely heavily on donations to continue their work. For help, advice, further information and links to other organisations they can be contacted on
Tel. 020 8313 9303 via their website : bcwa.org.uk
and there is a free 24/7 National Domestic Abuse helpline Tel. 0808 2000 247

Taskforce meets on Saturday 3 June 10am - 12. This is a group of parishioners who tidy and do small maintenance jobs in the church, hall and grounds.

We would encourage parents of First Communion families to come and help as we will be concentrating on getting things looking good for the First Communions Sundays.

WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE.

Croydon Refugee Centre are always grateful for our donations. Current needs: New underwear and socks for men, women and children. Size 1 nappies and baby clothes. Trainers.

AN INVITATION from Purley Food Hub

All volunteers, friends and supporters of **Purley Food Hub** are invited to an Evening of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 7th June to mark 10 years of providing food to people in crisis. The event is at Purley United Reformed Church (next to Purley Hospital) - refreshments and behind the scenes tours from 5.00pm, thanksgiving service at 6.30pm. For catering purposes, RSVP by phone or text to 07546 635295 or email purleyfoodhub@gmail.com.

The Purley Food Hub workers and recipients very much appreciate your ongoing generosity. The current most needed items are: 500g bags of sugar, tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding. Also hot chocolate drink needing only water, tinned desert fruit, toddlers micro wave tray meals, bars of soap, unisex shampoo and deodorant, and washing powder tablets. Many thanks to you all. Purley Food Hub.

Food items can be brought to the church porch. purleyfoodhub@gmail.com

Catholic Primary & secondary school references.

Will you be requesting a priest's reference accompanying an application for a Catholic school this autumn ?

If so, please write your child's name and sign in the place indicated on the clipboard provided in the church porch.

There are separate clipboards for primary and

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

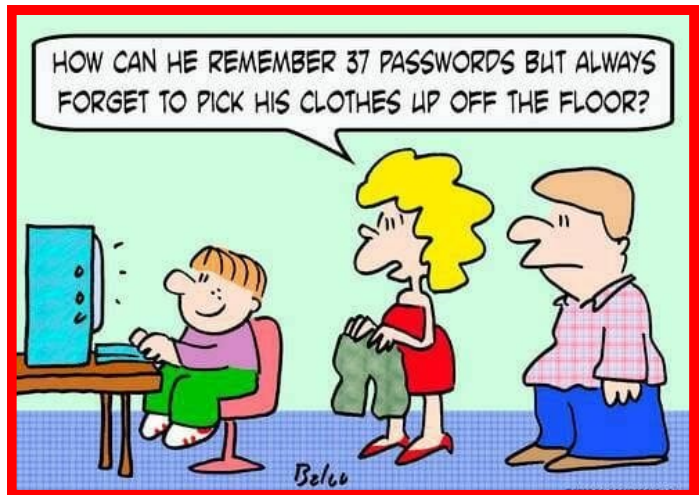
Cash £735, Standing Orders £540,
Card reader: £ x **Total income:** £1,275
of which £641 was gift-aided.

Church media and communications. £390

THANK YOU.

Please consider making a standing order for your offertory contributions. Contact our treasurer Peter McFall to get the details.

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CONFIRMATION preparation dates.

For the candidates: 6pm Sundays.

Sunday 21 May, Sunday 11 June, Sunday 18 June,
Sunday 25 June,

Sunday 2 July, Sunday 9 July.

Confirmation Mass - Thursday 13 July 7.30pm.

Right to Life UK Parliamentary pro-life group. PRAYER

At those times when we believe we must defend the weak and the vulnerable, let us pray for knowledge, wisdom and fortitude - three of the Holy Spirit's seven gifts. Lord hear us.

Pope Francis' talk last Wednesday, in anticipation of Pentecost.

Christians should pray on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit would give them the courage and strength to share the Gospel, Pope Francis said. "No matter how difficult the situation may be -- and indeed, at times it may seem there is no room for the Gospel message -- we must not give up and we must not forsake pursuing what is essential in our Christian life, namely evangelization," the pope said of Wednesday of this week, in anticipation of Pentecost.



With thousands of visitors and pilgrims -- including bands, flag twirlers and dancers -- gathered in a sunny St. Peter's Square, the pope introduced his talk about St. Andrew by pointing out how Christianity was introduced to Korea 200 years before St. Andrew by laypeople who had heard the Gospel proclaimed in China and then shared it when they returned home. "Baptized laypeople were the ones who spread the faith. There were no priests," the pope said. "Would we be able to do something like that?" Ordained in 1844, St. Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean-born priest and ministered at a time of anti-Christian persecution.

"Each one of us might think, 'But how can I evangelize,'" he said. Following the example of the "greats" of evangelization history, each Christian can find a way to witness to the Gospel -- "talk about Jesus" -- in his or her family, among friends and in one's local community.

"Let us prepare to receive the Holy Spirit this coming Pentecost, asking for that grace, apostolic grace and courage, the grace to evangelize, to always carry forward the message of Jesus."

Readings at Mass today.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence. Come Holy Spirit.

**Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.**

**Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!**

**Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow**

**Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.**

**Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:**

**If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.**

**Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:**

**Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.**

**Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:**

**Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.**

Gospel John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'