

# NEWSLETTER

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Year A

Trinity Sunday

4th June 2023

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Derek Divine RIP

Sunday 9am Margaret O'Donnell RIP

Sunday 11am Dias Family Intention

Monday 10am Tom Toomey RIP      *St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

Tuesday **No public Mass here.**

Wednesday **No public Mass here.**

Thursday 11am Funeral Mass - Mia Harding RIP

Friday 10am Maureen Todd RIP    Exposition until 11am

Saturday Vigil 6pm Martin Leonard RIP

Sunday 9am People of the Parish    Sunday 11am First Holy Communion children

Life breakfast today.  
Bar open after 11am Mass.

**Weekday Mass times. Please refer to the newsletter in the coming weeks as weekday Mass times are affected by several funerals and some other duties of Fr Peter outside the parish.**

This week there is no public Mass on Wednesday. On Thursday, the funeral of Mia Harding RIP takes place on at 11am, no 10am Mass.

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Please note that the Card Reader is back in functioning order for offertory and second collections.

**THIS WEEKEND Second collection.**

For Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid ( BCWA ). Victims of domestic abuse. See page 2 for more information.

**Next Sunday is Corpus Christi.**

All Special Ministers of Holy Communion will renew their commitment at Mass.

**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 Blaquiére, 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.

### CHURCH SHOP

New stock of first Holy Communion and Confirmation cards available.

## Today is Trinity Sunday.

It is a day on which we contemplate the mystery of the inner life of God as three persons in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The doctrine of the Trinity reminds us that within God there are RELATIONSHIPS. It would therefore be a mistake to regard the Trinity as just three manifestations of God. That's the view that says God sometimes acts as a Father figure, sometimes takes a human form in the Son and sometimes communicates as Spirit. This view of God is called Modalism and is condemned by the Church as a heresy. It leaves no room for relationships of love within God.

Christ's revelation that there are three persons in relationship within God is very important to our understanding of the nature of God. This is why St. John the Evangelist can write that 'God is Love' (1Jn. 4: 8). Love can only come about in the context of relationship. The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that the relationships between Father, Son and Spirit exist eternally, even before the Son became human.

St. Paul's insight into the implications of the Trinity is shown in his teaching that through the incarnation of the Son, the inner life of God comes into the world. (Ephesians 3: 15). The experience of 'family' within humanity is an extension of the divine family of the Trinity. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit humanity is empowered and enabled to intimately share in the inner life of God.

Jesus calls us to be part of the family of the Church. The Church community is the place where the relationships within God merge with humanity and where the love of Father, Son and Spirit flows into the world through the body of Christ. The relationships within God open out to include the whole of humanity. Hence the prayer that the priest says at every Mass when the water is mixed with the wine. "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share in His divinity, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Trinity Sunday is a celebration not only of who God is but also who we are. It is about our 'belonging' as a people who are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

## THIS WEEKEND Second collection. 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](http://bcwa.org.uk)  
and there is a free 24/7 National Domestic Abuse helpline Tel. 0808 2000 247

## The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The symbol of the 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' has an important place in Catholic spirituality. It was highlighted in the seventeenth century when a French nun, Sr. Margaret Mary, received a vision of Christ with flames of love coming from his heart. In describing the apparition Margaret Mary said, "The divine heart was represented to me, ... and the wound which Jesus received on the cross appeared there visibly".

It is important to remember that Margaret Mary's vision has its origin in the scriptures and is highlighted particularly by St. John's Gospel, "From his heart shall flow fountains of living water". Jn. 7:38 The month of June has traditionally been a time of renewing devotion to the Sacred Heart. It was literally on the cross that he was pierced with a lance "and immediately there came out blood and water" Jn 19:34.

**Friday 16 June is the feast of the Sacred Heart.**

**The HCPT (Lourdes Group) Curry Night is Back!** – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June sees the return of the ever popular curry night and dance. Doors open at 7:00pm for a 7:30 dinner, then dance the evening away with live music from 'Phoenix'. Tickets go on sale this weekend. All proceeds will go to HCPT Group 510 (None curry alternative will be available too)

Bar will be open - Tickets £20 each will be on sale after Mass. To reserve yours, email Bridget [group510@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group510@hcpt.org.uk) or call on 07899 915515

## Fairfield Halls: Sound of the Trumpet.

**Two events over one weekend.**

### Friday 9th June – Sound of Croydon.

This is a free event showcasing the gifts and talents in Croydon. It's the churches' gift to Croydon to bring the diversity of the borough under one roof. It is not a Christian event although we are organising it. Schools, cultural groups, other faith and non-faith communities, young and old etc have been invited to participate and the event will start at 6pm prompt.

### Saturday 10th June – Sound of the Trumpet

This is the coming together of Croydon Churches in worship. It's an act of worship that will unite us as One Body. In the year of the **Borough of Culture**, it offers an incredible opportunity for Christians from across the spectrum to come together and worship as one, celebrating unity and inclusivity. Choirs, bands and worship teams from across the length and breadth of Croydon will be raising ONE GREAT SOUND that evening and that sound will be "heard" miles away. We will show that faith is a central part of Croydon's culture.

Participation has been encouraging from different traditions so far. In addition to the time of worship, we will have an opportunity to pray during the evening for Croydon.

The Saturday 10th June event tickets are available on Eventbrite for £5 per seat.

Please find the link below and circulate.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sound-of-the-trumpet-tickets-627693336667>

## 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.**

## 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](mailto: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.

## 200 Club – May 2023 Draw Winner

The May draw for the 200 Club took place last Sunday during the LIFE Breakfast after the 9.00am Mass. The winning number was No.39 belonging to Anne Batson, and she receives £200.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.

We currently have 145 members so there are 55 numbers available, 20 of which are below 100, so if you want to know what these are, or If you want a list of all the numbers which are available, please contact Peter McFall – email:

[coulsdontreasure@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:coulsdontreasure@rcaos.org.uk)

If you are new to the parish and would like more information about the 200 Club, please contact Peter.

**The next meeting of the parish SVP group will take place on the evening of Monday 5th June at 8:15pm in the Marian Room.**

## Prison Pilgrimage.

**“I was in prison, and you visited me...”** (Matt. 25:36) Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust), the national Catholic charity for prisons invites you to respond to Jesus' call to visit Him by walking in prayer and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in prison or affected by imprisonment of a family member or friend.

**Friday 16th June 2023.** 2 mile walk from St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton Beeches, SM5 4NG to HMP High Down, Highdown Lane, Sutton, SM2 5PJ Join us for the 09.30am Mass after which we will walk to HMP High Down. Following a time of prayer outside the prison gates, Pact staff and volunteers will welcome you into the Family Visitor Centre for refreshments and an opportunity to find out about our work.

## **Right to Life UK** *Parliamentary pro-life group.* **PRAYER**

Let us pray for all those who work in hospice care, or who care for the terminally ill at home or in hospital, that they may be filled with the compassion and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord hear us  
Lord hear us.

## Homes for Ukraine.

We are writing to request your support in promoting our programme for individuals displaced by the war in Ukraine. We, as Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), are working in partnership with one of our member charities, St John of God Hospitaller Services, to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme, which provides temporary housing and support for Ukrainian displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK. For information go to:

<https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>



## OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £659. Standing Orders £540, Card reader: £ x. **Total income: £1,199**  
of which £645 was gift-aided. **THANK YOU.**

Please consider making a standing order for your offertory contributions. Contact our treasurer Peter McFall to get the details. [oulsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:oulsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk) or leave a note for him with Fr Peter.

## Readings at Mass today.

### First reading Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

### Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52-56

*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

Blest your glorious holy name.

*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

### Second reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Gospel John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'