

# NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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**Year A**

**Corpus Christi**

**11th June 2023**

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

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Martin Leonard RIP

**Sunday 9am** People of the Parish

**Sunday 11am** First Holy Communion children

**Monday 10am** Hugh Monaghan RIP

**Tuesday** **No public Mass here.**      *St Anthony of Padua*

**Wednesday 11.30am** FUNERAL Florence Horrigan RIP.

**6.30pm** Nolasco Almeida RIP

**Thursday 10am** Celeste Menezes RIP

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS**      **Friday 10am** Isabel Noronha RIP      **Exposition until 11am**

*(Saturday: Immaculate Heart of Mary)*

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**Sunday 9am** Dennis Charles Goodwin

**Sunday 11am** First Holy Communion children

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

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

**THIS Sunday is Corpus Christi.**

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

**CONFIRMATION preparation dates.**

**For the candidates: 6pm Sundays.**

Sunday 11 June, Sunday 18 June, Sunday 25 June,  
Sunday 2 July, Sunday 9 July.

**Confirmation Mass** - Thursday 13 July 7.30pm.

**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 Blaquiery, 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.

## Corpus Christi – The Body of Christ. Fr John Farrell OP

In the Catholic Tradition we use the phrase 'Body of Christ' (Corpus Christi) in three distinct but interconnecting ways:

1. **Jesus own physical body.** Born at Bethlehem, crucified on Calvary and now risen and glorified.

2. The second use of this phrase 'Body of Christ' is to refer to the men and women and children who form the embodying of the life of Jesus in each and every generation.

**That is what we call the Church.** This is also the Body of Christ. Because of this no baptised Christian can say 'I am here in place of Christ' but rather 'In this place where I am, Christ is in this place'.

3. But how can we live up to such a calling unless we were constantly nourished by Jesus himself? Hence the third use of the phrase **'The Body - and Blood - of Christ' is to refer to the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) at the heart of every Christian community.** 'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist'. The Eucharist is medicinal and healing, it is also a power for mission. Whereas other food is eaten so that it becomes us, with this food which Jesus himself gives us we become him because it is him we are receiving.

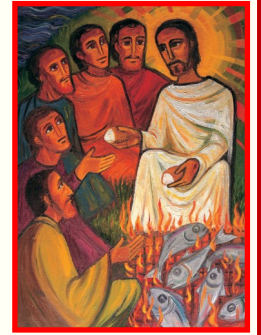
**So,** all three meanings come together. That same Jesus we read about in the gospel stories gives himself to us so that we might become him and members one of another in the holy communion and mission of his Church:

This communion and mission is itself embodied in history as the one holy catholic and apostolic church we proclaim in the Creed. We are not just in communion with those we see present in our chapel or work, but with men and women whom we will never meet, speaking languages we will never understand who are praying for us as we are praying for them in the one Body of Christ. And as Jesus is Lord of both the living and the dead, so the dead too form one Body with us.

At the heart of this communion is the sacrifice of Calvary, the broken body and shed blood of Christ's love for the world. The sacrifice of Calvary cannot be repeated because it has not ceased in its power. In the sacrifice of the Mass we repeatedly re-enter into Christ's self offering to the Father. In the prayers around the consecration we place our prayers of thanksgiving and of petition for the living and the dead into his one Calvary Prayer. Within our worship of the Body and Blood of the Lord present on the altar, we place our own self-offering of our Christian bodily life.

All our Christian activity is taken up into the Eucharist just as the Eucharist is at the same point the wellspring of our hope and our courage 'until the Lord comes'.

Through the Eucharist not only are we fed spiritually but through us the Lord feeds all people. We recall a prayer from the Mass: "Father, may this sacrifice which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world".



### NEXT SUNDAY 2nd collection. DAY for LIFE. 18 June 2023

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on **18 June**. For the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day.

The theme is '**Listen to Her**' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.

Each year a message is released, usually by the Church's Lead Bishop for Life Issues, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.. .... '*Jane's story*' will be in next week's newsletter.

#### Novena for Life.

This novena, nine days of intercessory prayer, can be prayed in the lead up to Day for Life 2023. It is offered to encourage a flourishing of a culture of life, with a particular focus, on ending abortion and healing the trauma of abortion.

See link, click below:

[https://  
www.cbcew.org.uk/  
novena-for-life/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/)

**This Sunday and next we have out parish First Holy Communions at 11am Mass. We pray for the children and their families as they receive this wonderful gift from the Lord, - the gift of Himself.**

**Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 16th June, 2023.**



**7.30pm Holy Hour with adoration of Our Lord  
in the Blessed Sacrament  
invoking HIS healing ministry.  
Led by Fr Peter.**



**Who is it for ? YOU.**

**Who is the healer ? JESUS.**

**Individual blessing for those who wish.**

***From the Gospel of John.***

*Jesus stood there and cried out: "If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me!*

*Let them come and drink who believe in me!' As scripture says:*

*'From his heart shall flow fountains of living water' "*

*He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive.*

*(7.37 –38)*

The nature of this healing service will be broad, so that is relevant to everyone.

We are all in need of God's healing to one degree or another. Look at the headings below, which are not exhaustive, and see how broad and inclusive the Church's healing ministry is. The Church's ministry of healing is Christ's ministry. There is only one healer, Jesus Christ. People do not have to reveal to the priest the area where they need healing but they may decide to do so if they so choose.

*Physical illnesses, awaiting or undergoing medical treatment, concerning or uncertain diagnosis, mental health issues, depression, anxiety, emotional, relationships, trauma, unresolved grief and loss, negative past experiences, infertility, miscarriage, abortion, rejection, childhood, abuse, wounds of being sinned against, injustice, spiritual wounds, wounds of unknown source but known to the Lord, etc, etc, etc.*

**Difference between healing and a cure.**

A cure is where the bodily symptoms of an ailment are reversed and can be seen to be so. It is not scientifically explicable. The Gospel healings are of this kind and they continue to happen today as a sign from God. But mostly, healing comes about without a full cure. Healing is more to do with the inner person. Inner peace, strength, faith, etc. and that God may be guide the clinicians involved with treatment. All cures are healing but not all healing is a complete cure in this life.

*For this who cannot come, the service can be joined from home on our parish YouTube channel:  
**St Aidans Coulsdon.***

**OUR OFFERTORY INCOME**

Cash £721. Standing Orders £540, Card reader: £ 65. **Total income: £1,326**  
of which £ 702 was gift-aided.

Croydon & Bromley women's refuge, £500

**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.

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 22nd May 2023

The Parish Pastoral Council held its third meeting of 2023 on the 22nd May.

We are delighted to receive 6 new nominations to join the PPC and two members have indicated they will continue for another term. So this means all places on the PPC have been filled.

The new members of the PPC are Alexandra Collins, Richard Thurbon, Simon Archer, Craig Ditchfield, Lesley Leavey, and Sarah Yusoof, We thank them for putting themselves forward to serve the parish.

We held a round table discussion on the priorities identified in our submission to the Synodal Process. In some areas good progress has been made, We think now is the time to draw a line under the themes identified but which we did not have sufficient capacity to deal with. A more concise list of priorities for the parish was discussed and will be the focus of the PPC going forward. Full details can be found in the minutes.

Our next PPC meeting is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 when we will welcome the new PPC members and say goodbye to the outgoing members. 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](mailto:odonnellgerry@outlook.com).

The PPC members are, Fr. Peter, Sue Carr, Pauline D'Mello-Maplesden, Brenda Eydman, Bernadette Hallett, Bridget Hanlon, Penne Hutton, Peter McFall, Erica Thurbon, Gerry O'Donnell, Elsie Ofili and Colin Wilding.

Full minutes are posted on the website, you can find them [here](#).

### **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.

### **The Purley Food Hub [purleyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:purleyfoodhub@gmail.com)**

On Wednesday a tea party and a service of Thanksgiving at Purley United Reform Church was attended by over 100 people to mark the GENEROSITY of people from 27 local churches to the PURLEY FOOD HUB over 10 years.

So, thank you to you all for your long-term generosity and to Karen Swain for delivering our gifts to the Food Hub every Monday

The current needs are: Cartons of long-life whole milk. Individual sachets of soup. Tinned meals e.g. Irish stew or chicken in white sauce.

### **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'. Ticket go on sale this weekend. All proceeds will go to HCPT Group 510 (Non 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

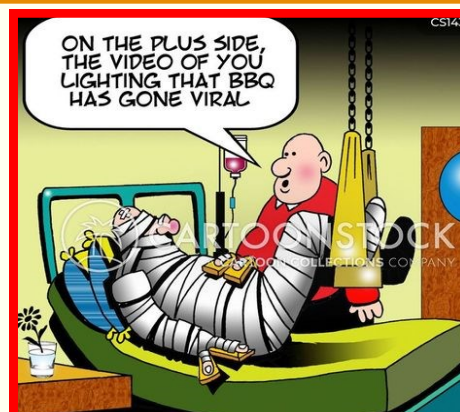
**Parish BBQ**  
**9<sup>th</sup> July**  
**2023**  
**12pm**  
**to**  
**4pm**



**Delicious Food**

**Cash Bar**                      **Live Music**  
**Kids Area**                    **Charity Raffle**  
**Br Stephen's last hurrah!**

**Tickets on sale in the coming weeks**  
**Adults £5 Children £3**





**Justice and Peace planning meeting on Wed 21 June at 7.30pm  
in the Parish House, 1 Portnalls Rd.**

**New ideas, new faces are welcome.**

**Readings at Mass today.**

**For 6 pm and 9 am only.**

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

*O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates  
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

**Gospel** John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate, they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'