

# NEWSLETTER

## *St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon*



**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter Mansfield;

**Pastoral Assistant:** Stephen Trafford, seminarian

**Parish House:** 1 Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, Surrey. CR5 3DD

**Tel:** 020 8660 2452      **Email:** [coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Website:** [www.st-aidans-parish.org.uk](http://www.st-aidans-parish.org.uk)

**Church Hall enquiries:** [staidanshallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:staidanshallbookings@gmail.com)

**Property Maintenance, report issues:** [staidanspremisesteam@gmail.co.uk](mailto:staidanspremisesteam@gmail.co.uk)

**St Aidan's School:** 01737 556036

**Year A**

**Ordinary Time - Twelfth Sunday**

**25th June 2023**

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

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** People of the parish

**Sunday 9am** Deceased members of the Kelleher family

**Sunday 11am** Tom Joyce RIP

**Monday 11am** Antonio Fernandes RIP

**Tuesday** No public Mass here.

**Wednesday 7.30pm** Joyce Loney RIP

**Thursday 10am** People of the parish      **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**Friday 11am** Intentions of Stephen Trafford

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** People of the parish

**Sunday 9am** Intentions of the Moniz family

**Sunday 11am** Ronald Given RIP

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

### **2nd collections.**

**This week:** Our parish Lourdes Group. [Leader: Bridget Hanlon]— help to subsidise deserving people. Cheques payable to: RCAS Coulsdon.

### **Next Weekend: Peter's Pence.**

For the Pope's administration of the universal Church as well as his charities for the poor and needy. This collection is traditionally known as Peter's Pence.

### **St Aidan's School Summer Fair .**

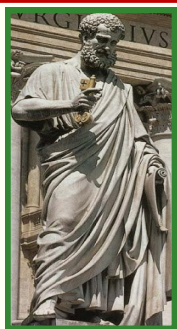
St Aidan's School Association warmly invites all parishioners to their Summer Fair this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 12PM-4PM at the school. Please see attached poster for further details and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Please note that the time of Mass on Friday this week is 11am.**

### **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.

**If you know of anyone who should be on our parish sick list or needs communion at home please let Fr Peter know.**



## Feast of Saints Peter & Paul - Thursday 29th June.

It is a holy day of obligation which means that Catholics should attend Mass.

**Vigil Mass Wednesday 28th 7.30pm.**

**Morning Mass Thursday 29th 10am.**

**School Mass Thursday 29th 2.15pm.**



### Reflection from Pope Francis for the Feast day (*from 2022*).

The Gospel reports the words that Peter addresses to Jesus: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (*Mt 16:16*). It is a profession of faith, which Peter pronounces not on the basis of his human understanding, but because God the Father inspired it in him (cf. v. 17). For the fisherman Simon, called Peter, it was the beginning of a journey: it would indeed have to be a long time before the scope of those words entered deeply into his life, involving it entirely. There is an “apprenticeship” of faith, similar to ours, that also affected the Apostles Peter and Paul. We too believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, but it takes time, patience, and much humility for our way of thinking and acting to fully adhere to the Gospel.

The Apostle Peter experienced this immediately. Just after having declared his own faith to Jesus, when Jesus announces that He will have to suffer and be condemned to death, Peter rejects this prospect, which he considers incompatible with the Messiah. He even feels compelled to rebuke the Master, who in turn says to him: “Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!” (v. 23).

Let us consider: does not the same thing happen to us? We repeat the Creed, we say it with faith, but when faced with the harsh trials of life, everything seems to falter. We are inclined to protest to the Lord, telling him that it is not right, that there must be other, more direct, less strenuous ways. We experience the laceration of the believer, who believes in Jesus, trusts in him, but at the same time feels that it is difficult to follow him and is tempted to seek paths other than those of the Master. Saint Peter experienced this inner drama, and he needed time and maturity. At first he was horrified at the thought of the cross; but at the end of his life he courageously bore witness to the Lord, even to the point of being crucified — according to tradition — upside down, in order to not be equal to the Master.

The Apostle Paul also had his own path, and he too passed through a slow maturation of faith, experiencing moments of uncertainty and doubt. The apparition of the Risen One on the road to Damascus, which changed him from a persecutor into a Christian, must be seen as the beginning of a journey during which the Apostle came to terms with the crises, failures and constant torments of what he calls a “thorn in the flesh” (cf. *2 Cor 12:7*). The journey of faith is never a walk in the park for anyone: not for Peter nor for Paul, not for any Christian. The journey of faith is not a walk in the park, but is instead demanding, sometimes arduous. Even Paul, who became a Christian, had to learn how to be a Christian in a gradual manner, especially through times of trial.

In the light of this experience of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, each of us can ask ourselves: when I profess my faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, do I do so with the awareness that I must always be learning, or do I assume that I “already have it all figured out”? And again: In difficulties and trials do I become discouraged, do I complain, or do I learn to make them an opportunity to grow in trust in the Lord? For He, in fact — Paul writes to Timothy — delivers us from all evil and brings us safely to heaven (cf. *2 Tim 4:18*). May the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, teach us to imitate them by progressing day by day on the path of faith.



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

Let us, therefore, pray for legislators and those in authority, that they may respect and protect human life from conception to natural death. Lord hear us.

### First Confession & First Holy Communion Preparation

First Confession and First Holy Communion preparation begins in September.

If you wish to enrol your child for the parish preparation programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion you must **request a booking slip from Fr. Peter outside Church after Mass next weekend.**

**WEEKLY MASS for Catholic parent and child is an essential condition for being accepted on the preparation programme.**

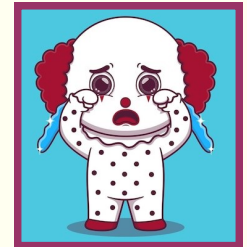
**I am grateful to the parishioners who have agreed to give up their time to be Catechists. The role of the Priest and catechists is to supplement the input of the parent and support the parent in accomplishing the commitment made at Baptism to “train their child in the practice of the faith”. While our School is not directly involved in running the programme it provides essential support for the children who are preparing for the sacraments.**

The preparation programme is parish based. Those who live outside the Parish boundary are not eligible to enrol unless they have already attended here weekly for at least the past year. Attendance at St Aidan's School is not relevant as it is a parish programme.

It will not be possible for us to accommodate individual children who have other sport and cultural interests during session times. For this brief period the First Confession and First Communion preparation must take precedence.

### **The joke's over !**

Those who read the newsletter just for the joke each week will be heartbroken to hear that it is discontinued for now. Most cartoons are subject to copyright and the ones that aren't are not very funny ! We have recently been fined £100 just for one single image in our newsletter.



### **Friday Socials**

Don't forget the Friday Night Socials are back! Last Friday of every month - the next one will be 30th June. Doors open at 7pm.

### **Afternoon Tea**

Afternoon Tea Friday 7th July at 4 o'clock in the church hall for a donation of £5. If you would like to book a place please speak to Brenda Eydman after 9 o'clock Mass or telephone 01737 552610. Thank you

### **Youth Social and Confirmation Session**

There will be no youth social on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Instead, the end of year youth social will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 4pm. All aged 11-16 are welcome, parental consent forms are in the porch. More adult youth helpers are still needed. Please speak to Br. Stephen for details. The confirmation group will be meeting at 5:30pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, to enable them social time.

### **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**

### **Safe Spaces - supporting victims of abuse.**

Is an independent and confidential support service for adults who have been abused by someone in the Church. If you have been affected, however long ago, Safe Spaces can support you. Call the free helpline 0300 303 1056 or email safespaces@firstlight.org.uk.

### **OUR OFFERTORY INCOME**

Cash £731, Standing Orders £540, Card reader:£126 **Total income:** £1,397 of which £631 was gift-aided.

**Day for life £345. THANK YOU.**

### **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**

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.

### **Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life.**

Walsingham, Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.

For details go to [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org)

Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

### **Readings at Mass today.**

#### **First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

#### **Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35**

*In your great love, answer me, O Lord.*

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures.

#### **Second Reading Romans 5:12-15**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

#### **Gospel Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'