

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year A

Ordinary Time - Thirteenth Sunday

2nd July 2023

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm People of the parish

Sunday 9am Intentions of the Moniz family

Sunday 11am Ronald Given RIP

Monday 11am Fr Peter's intentions *St Thomas*

Tuesday No public Mass here.

Wednesday 6.30pm Welfare of Nick Nicolliades

Thursday 10am Elizabeth McManus RIP **Baptism, Confirmation, first Communion of Fayyaz Bibi (adult).**

Friday 10am Grace Almeida RIP

Saturday Vigil 6pm Ernest Saldanha RIP

Sunday 9am Michael Reilly RIP

Sunday 11am Elizabeth McManus RIP

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

2nd collections.

This 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'.

Next Week: Apostleship of the Sea - Stella Maris. Providing Catholic chaplaincy support for those who make their living on the sea. Your donation will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need.

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.

Confirmation group.

Parents, please collect the letter that has been left for you on the table at the back of the church (shop side).

Candidates, please remember that you are invited to a social time in the hall at 5.15pm this Sunday, before the learning session.

CHURCH SHOP

**New stock of Confirmation cards
are available.**

First Confession & 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 this 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.

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.

This Sunday 2nd 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.

On Thursday we welcome Fayyaz Bibi who will be baptised and confirmed as a Catholic Christian.

Thank you to Br Stephen for all his work in preparing Fayyaz. She speaks Urdu, so with the help of a translator (Annie her Muslim friend) and Urdu Catholic videos, Stephen has been able to prepare her to fulfil her desire to become a Catholic Christian. Fayyaz first came to visit our Church because of a dream she had.

Jesus said:

“The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit.” John 3:8.

FR Peter

Parish BBQ
9th 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

SVP MEETING

The next meeting of the parish SVP group will take place on the evening of Monday 3rd July at 8:15pm in the Marian Room.

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

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

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £618, Standing Orders £540,
Card reader: £50 **Total income: £1,208**
of which £634 was gift-aided.

Lourdes group HCPT £685. THANK YOU.

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

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.

THE MANNA SOCIETY - centre for the homeless.

Supplies are starting to run low during the month of July so if you can please donate.

We will suspend deliveries to Purley food hub for about a month.

FOOD: Sugar, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, soup, basmati rice, tinned fruit, corned beef, chopped ham, luncheon meats.

MEN'S CLOTHING: Jeans, jogging bottoms.

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.

Paul Roberts the Rector of St John's C of E parish, Old Coulsdon, retires this summer having reached the C of E clergy retirement age of 65. Paul has served 20 years at St John's.

There is an ecumenical Farewell Service this Sunday at 3pm for Paul, to thank him for his service to Coulsdon Churches and the wider community. This will be in the grounds of St John's Church, Old Coulsdon. If the weather is wet we will be in the church. Paul has been a good friend over the years to all the local churches and to the Floating Shelter.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, so that we can thank Paul and wish him and his wife Nicy a long and happy retirement in Kington, Herefordshire.

Food for thought ... I'm 65. Fr P.



Parents who would like their child baptised in July or August must see Fr Peter today or email him at couldson@rcaos.org.uk

REMINDER

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 secondary schools.

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

We just reaffirmed that the Lord is the Giver of Life. Let us pray that we would always see God's creation in every new baby and in every expectant mother. Lord hear us

The Church's mission – an event with Cardinal Tagle organised by CAFOD.

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and was President of Caritas International (a global network of Catholic relief and development agencies) and is a fantastic speaker. We invite you to join us online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. **14 July 7:00-8:30pm** Please click [here for more information and to book your place](#) for this webinar hosted by CAFOD.

Please pass this invitation on to others who may be interested.

Readings at Mass today.

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord,
who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me.'

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

Anyone who finds his life will lose it;
anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me;
and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'