

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year A

Ordinary Time - Fifteenth Sunday

16th July 2023

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

CONFIRMATIONS **Saturday Vigil 6pm** People of the parish. Priest available for Confessions after.

Sunday 9am Wendy Counsell RIP

Sunday 11am Welfare of Yvonne Ireland (90th Birthday)

Monday 10am Evelyn Mary Bishop.

Tuesday No public Mass here.

Wednesday 6.30pm Marie Louise Nicot RIP

Thursday 10am Noel and Tom Joyce RIP

Friday 10am Eddie Aldridge RIP

Saturday Vigil 6pm Welfare of Elizabeth Armitage

Sunday 9am Claudette Lovell RIP

Sunday 11am Thanksgiving of the Tharakan family

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

The Requiem Mass for Margaret O'Leary RIP.

will take place here on Friday 28 July at 2pm (no 10am Mass that day). Burial will be in Ireland.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Anne Walker, Eileen & Jack Darville, Caroline Garvey, Pat Kelly, Truda Hobbs, Rhona Devine, 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.

The streaming of Masses from St Aidan's will not happen while our technicians are on holiday. Streaming will resume on Saturday 6pm Mass on 19th August.

There are many other places where Mass can be found online. The following link is for streaming from Walsingham shrine.

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Sacrament of Reconciliation –Confessions.

Fr John will be available after Saturday evening Masses and by request at any time.

Taskforce will be last Saturday of the month

29th July. From 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Please come along to help with a variety of tasks around the church, hall and grounds.

We welcome Fr John Naughton who is here for a month. Fr John has supplied here many times before. He is a 'retired' priest from Portumna, Ireland. He is kept busy at home providing cover in several parishes.

Fr Peter will be away while Fr John is here.

Mass intentions for the coming weeks are printed in this newsletter.

This is the last newsletter until later in August.

JULY 23 WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS

Endorsed wholeheartedly by Pope Francis, it is a day to celebrate grandparents and all elderly people. Below is the wording for a suggested Bidding Prayer to use at all Masses on that day.

Heavenly Father, we pray for grandparents, all elderly people, ever grateful for their love and commitment: bless them in every way possible.

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from October 6-8; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

First Confession & First Holy Communion.

Preparation begins in September.

SOME PARENTS HAVE TAKEN THE SLIP BUT NOT PROCEEDED TO ENROL THEIR CHILD VIA THE EMAIL CONTACT. PLEASE DO SO TODAY.

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.

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.

CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on September 23. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, either give your details to your parish priest or email them to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk The details needed are full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31.

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.

Manna needs:: 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.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £737, Standing Orders £540,
Card reader: £155 **Total income: £1,432**
of which £731 was gift-aided.

Apostleship of the sea £496. THANK YOU.

Please consider making a standing order for your offertory contributions. Contact our treasurer Peter McFall to get the details.
couldntreasurer@rcaos.org.uk
or leave a note for him with Fr Peter.


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

Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospital, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and the unborn. Lord hear us.

The text of today's Gospel - Mt 13:4-23 is set out below using a table format. I personally found it helpful to view it in this form. I have included Jesus' explanation v 10-23.

This Gospel will not be used at the Saturday 6pm Mass.

FR Peter

Today's Gospel Mt. 13 V 4 - 23	The seed is scattered and falls.	The outcome	Jesus explains the parable	Where am I ? Which box should I tick ?
A	Some seeds fell on the edge of the path, <i>(Surface only - superficial)</i>	and the birds came and ate them up.	When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without allowing it to sink in, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart.	
B	Other seeds fell on patches of rock where they found a little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; <i>(No root development)</i>	but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away.	This is the one who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy, ... BUT he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once.	
C	Other seeds fell among thorns, <i>(Environment not conducive to growth and life)</i>	and the thorns grew up and choked them.	This is the one who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing.	
D	Other seeds fell on rich soil <i>(Fertile soil and life giving environment)</i>	and the seeds produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.	This the one who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'	

Pope Francis reflects on today's Gospel.

“This parable speaks to each of us today, as it spoke to the listeners of Jesus two thousand years ago. It reminds us that we are the land where the Lord tirelessly throws the seed of His Word and His love. What is our disposition when we receive it? How is our heart? What does the ground look like: a path, a stone, a thorn bush? It's up to us to become good soil without thorns or stones, but tilled and cultivated with care, so that it can bring forth good fruit for us and for our brothers and sisters. At every Mass, the good seed of the Gospel is sown in us ever anew, by means of the table of the Word of God: a seed to be accepted, to safeguard, to live. Even in these summer months, during the holiday period, it is important to participate every Sunday at this table, to draw light and strength for our journey”.

Readings at Mass today.

These reading are not being used at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Psalm 64(65):10-14

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory

as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there.

The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Mass times and intentions for July and August.

Please note that 15th August is the Assumption of Our Lady and is a Holy Day of obligation. Vigil Mass of the Assumption on Monday 14th is 7.30pm (no 10am Mass that morning). Morning Mass for the Assumption on Tuesday 15th Aug is 10am.

Date	Day	Time	Mass intention
17 July	Mon	10am	Evelyn Mary Bishop
19 July	Wed	6.30pm	Marie Louise Nicot RIP
20 July	Thu	10am	Noel & Tom Joyce RIP
21 July	Fri	10am	Eddie Aldridge RIP
22 July	Sat	6pm	Welfare of Elizabeth Armitage
23 July	Sun	9am	Claudette Lovell RIP
23 July	Sun	11am	Thanksgiving of the Tharakan Family
24 July	Mon	10am	Michael & Mary Birmingham
26 July	Wed	6.30pm	Fr Oscar Leake RIP.
27 July	Thu	10am	Eddie Aldridge RIP
28 July	Fri	2pm	Requiem Mass: Margaret O'Leary RIP.
29 July	Sat	6pm	Mary O'Donnell RIP
30 July	Sun	9am	Desmond Shanley RIP
30 July	Sun	11am	Elizabeth (Bernie) McManus RIP
31 July	Mon	10am	General Shaw Clifton RIP
2 Aug	Wed	6.30pm	
3 Aug	Thu	10am	Eddie Aldridge RIP
4 Aug	Fri	10am	Maria Crepaz RIP
5 Aug	Sat	6pm	Florence Horrigan RIP
6 Aug	Sun	11am	Thanksgiving for Zarah Tharakan
7 Aug	Mon	10am	Mary Bertha Seldon & relations
9 Aug	Wed	6.30pm	Peter & Daphnie Kavanagh
10 Aug	Thu	10am	Florence Horrigan RIP
11 Aug	Fri	10am	Joanne & Darren Bernard-Hill RIP
13 Aug	Sun	9am	Anne Mooney RIP
14 Aug	Mon	7.30pm	Assumption Vigil.
15 Aug	Tue	10am	Assumption Day. Tony O'Connor RIP
16 Aug	Wed	XXX	No Mass
17 Aug	Thu	XXX	No Mass
18 Aug	Fri	10am	PKM's intention