

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year A

Feast of St Aidan.

3 September 2023

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Christopher Palmer RIP.

Priest available for confessions after Saturday Mass.

Sunday 9am Intentions of Moniz family.

Sunday 11am Kate Twomey RIP.

Monday 10am Intentions of Moniz family.

Tuesday No Mass in church

Wednesday 6.30pm Former staff and patients of Cane Hill Hospital.

Thursday 10am Margaret Almeida RIP.

Friday 10am Eva Fernandes RIP.

Saturday Vigil 6pm Michael Palmer RIP

Sunday 9am. Thanksgiving of Victoria Chandler

Sunday 11am People of the Parish

NO REFRESHMENTS after 9am Mass.

**Bar open after 11am Mass.
To celebrate St Aidan's feast day
Fr Peter will buy an Irish Coffee for
anyone who wants one.**

There will be an opportunity for those who want the sacrament of reconciliation - confession - after the Monday Mass.

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.

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, Sarah Bell, Veronica Lydon-McCluskey, Juliette Hinds, Sammy McCarroll, Rosie Longworth, Anthony Grimshaw, 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.

Parents who would like their child baptised in the near future should contact Fr Peter to book for the next preparation evening coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk

We remember in our prayers the repose of the souls of two parishioners recently deceased:

Bernadette Blaquiére RIP and Noel Numa RIP

This weekend we celebrate St Aidan, patron of our parish.

The official date for St Aidan's feast day is 31st August. However, it seems appropriate that we choose the option of transferring it to this Sunday (inc Sat vigil). In this way more people in our parish can join in honouring St Aidan and invoking his intercession at Mass. This weekend all three parish Masses will be in honour of St Aidan.

Aidan was a native of Ireland. He became a monk and travelled to Iona in Scotland. When the Christian King Oswald returned from exile on Iona to his kingdom of Northumbria, he invited the monks of Iona to provide missionaries to instruct his people in Christianity. After initial difficulties, Aidan was consecrated bishop and sent with a group of Irish monks to begin this task. He established a monastery on the island of Lindisfarne which became the centre of a major missionary effort in the North of England.

From Lindisfarne Aidan journeyed throughout Northumberland, usually on foot, and working closely with King Oswald who found him to be a wise adviser and a good personal friend. After Oswald's death in 642, Aidan continued this work under his successor, Oswin, but when Oswin himself was killed nine years later, Aidan did not long survive him and died two weeks later in 651.

According to the Venerable Bede, a renowned church historian, Aidan was a man of great gentleness and moderation, outstanding for his energetic missionary work. His influence on the North of England was enormous, and his wise promotion of Christian education among the native English laid the solid foundation for the spread of the Gospel in the centuries which followed his death.



2nd Collection next weekend. Catholic Education Service

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Governments', sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of state schools. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Adult helpers required for Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry would like to restart youth activities in the parish in September but to do so we need more members (especially men).

If you feel that young people are an essential part of the life of the parish (and the future of our faith) please get in contact with Penne Hutton or email: staidansyouthmission@gmail.com If we do not get more helpers we will not be able to restart activities with only 3 lady youth ministers, so please do volunteer by Sunday September 3rd, so we can get planning.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £559 Standing Orders £540,
Card reader: £166

Total income: £ 1,265

of which £672 was gift-aided.

THANK YOU.

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

couldontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk

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.

SVP MEETING

The next meeting of the parish SVP group will take place on the evening of Monday 4th Sept at 8:15pm in the Marian Room.

200 Club – July & August 2023 Draw Winners

Two draws for the 200 Club took place last Sunday before the 9.00am Mass. The winners were:

July Draw – No.11 – Truda Hobbs

August Draw – No.96 – Anonymous

and each win £200. The next draw will take place on Sunday 1st October 2023

We currently have 144 members so there are 56 numbers available, 21 of which are below 100, including 7 birthday numbers (10, 16,17,18,21, 24 & 27). One of these could be your lucky number. If you want one of these or a complete list of the numbers which are waiting to be picked, or you would like more information about the 200 Club, please contact:

Peter McFall – email: coulsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk

Todays readings.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Gospel is for the feast of St Aidan.

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.