

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year A

Ordinary Time -Twenty-Fourth Sunday 17th September 2023

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mary Leela Amos RIP

Priest available for confessions after Saturday Mass.

Sunday 9am Darren and Alan Terry RIP

Sunday 11am Intentions of Eileen and John Joyce

Monday 10.30am Funeral mass for Noel Numa RIP

Tuesday No Mass in church

Wednesday 6.30pm No Mass

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

Thursday 10am People of the parish

St Matthew

Friday 10am George and Margaret Goodwin

Saturday Vigil 6pm Elizabeth Armatige RIP

Sunday 9am People of the parish

Sunday 11am Kate Twomey RIP

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

Father Peter

Father Peter is in hospital at the moment with pneumonia. We pray for him to get better and come back to us soon.

2nd Collection this weekend.

Home Mission Sunday - This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

Youth Ministry Adult Volunteers

Open meeting 17th September 2023 Marian Room after 11am mass

If you believe that the Youth are an important and essential part of the life of the parish, let the Holy Spirit inspire you and come along to this open meeting. No experience necessary. Get involved, so we can re-start activities as soon as possible. Regards Penne.

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 Holy Communion at home please let Fr Peter know.

Deacon Tony Flavin

We welcome Deacon Tony Flavin to our parish. We hope that he finds our parish warm and welcoming and we look forward to seeing him as he undertakes his duties in our parish.

An introduction from Deacon Tony Flavin:

I was born in Battersea in 1958. The second youngest of 12, I attended Battersea Park parish (sometimes Stockwell) and went to St Mary's primary school. In 1970 I went to Bishop Thomas Grant school leaving in 1975 with one much prized O'level. I started work in New Covent Garden Flower Market soon after and was there for 35 years. In 1982 I married Wendy, moving first to Streatham and then in 1986 to Thornton Heath. Wendy and I have two daughters who both attended St James The Great and St Philomena's. Wendy is the Nursery lead at St Chad's school in South Norwood. Having started my studies in 2000, I was ordained to the diaconate in June 2003.

In November 2010 I started working in school chaplaincy at St Joseph's College and The John Fisher school where my time was divided equally between the two for six years. In 2011 we moved home to Caterham, but I continued to serve the wonderful parishioners at Thornton Heath. For my work I am now the chaplain at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College in Balham.

Deacon Tony Flavin

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.

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

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £527 Standing Orders £540,
Card reader: £135

Total income: £ 1,202
of which £639 was gift-aided.

Second Collection:

Catholic Education Services £ 407 **THANK YOU.**

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

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

Let us pray for women and families suffering miscarriage, that the Lord will, over time, replace the pain of loss with His healing love. Lord hear us.

Annual Butterfly Service

Invitation to the Annual Butterfly Service being held at St Barnabas Worship Centre at Croydon University 8th October 2023 at 3pm (Sunday) and is for any families that have lost a baby / child / or had a miscarriage.

Marriage & Family Life Events

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

NEW BEGINNINGS

For those who have suffered a divorce or separation or the death of their spouse, this Beginning Experience residential weekend will help provide healing. It's on October 13-15 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For details ring Maura on 07795 498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – VACANCIES

They are currently looking to appoint the following:

- Chaplain (full-time, term time only)
- Clerk to Governing Board (part-time)

Please visit the school's website for more information.

<https://www.johnfisherschool.org/our-school/career-opportunities>

Interfaith Harvest Event

Faiths Together in Croydon and South London Inter faith group have been working on putting an Interfaith Harvest event together. It will be on 1st October at the Braithwaite Hall from 12.30-5.30. Starting with a delicious lunch followed by performances from the Al Khayaal Theatre Company, Whirling Dervishes and some Bhangra dancers. There will also be Eco info and local Initiatives, Harvest songs and hymns, time to network and finishing up with tea and cake. This will be a great afternoon on Interfaith discussion and activity. We do ask that people book through eventbrite but it is absolutely free having been funded by the National Lottery. The link to Eventbrite is <https://CroydonHarvest2023.eventbrite.co.uk> this can also be seen on This is Croydon Borough of Culture website.

Service of Acknowledgement, Prayer and Reflection

For all those who have been harmed by abuse and for those that support or work with those that have been harmed.

Archbishop John Wilson and the Safe Guarding Team in partnership with LOUDfence, warmly invite you to attend a service on the 27th September 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral for all those who have been harmed by abuse and for those that support or work with those that have been harmed. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to tie a ribbon on the tree of reflection in support or prayer for those that have been harmed by abuse and to show our commitment to end abuse. Light refreshments will be offered after.

An eleven week Alpha Course will be starting on Tuesday, 12th September from 7.00-9.00pm at St John the Baptist Catholic church hall in Purley. The Alpha course is best described as a fun, non-pressurised, completely free introduction to Christianity and a better understanding of Jesus. It is designed both for regular church goers and also others searching for answers to life's big questions. Each week, we will enjoy a supper together, watch a short film and then join a small discussion group. Now is your chance to find out more about Our Lord, meet new people and make friends!

If you are interested in attending the course send an email to our parish office: coulson@rcaos.org.uk

The Purley Food Hub purleyfoodhub@gmail.com

The Purley Food Hub are grateful for all your generous donations over many months.

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.

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.

