

# NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year A

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

22nd October 2023

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Fr Cyril Hastings RIP

Sunday 9am Celebrant's intention.

Sunday 11am Shelia Phillips RIP

Monday 10am William Samson Bishop

Tuesday **No Mass**

Wednesday **No Mass**

Thursday 10am

Friday 10am **Exposition 10am - 10.30am**

Saturday Vigil 6pm Thanksgiving for Jude Stockermans

Sunday 9am Dorinda and Miguel Farina RIP

Sunday 11am Yolanda Sapsford RIP

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

**This weekend 2nd Collection. World Mission Sunday.** Foreign missions. See P2 for details.

**Weekday Masses.** While Fr Peter is on sick leave there will generally be two weekday Masses on Mondays and Thursdays at 10am. There are some spaces for Mass intentions, requests may be emailed to [coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk) or by a note through the Parish House. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10-10.30am.

**Opportunity to pray for peace.**

There will be Rosary, Exposition and Benediction on Sundays 22nd October at 4pm.

**During the month of November there will be a book placed on the sanctuary with the names of our departed loved ones.** Please place your list in the box provided in the church. Throughout November Masses will be offered for all the names in the book.

**FAQ.** If people submitted a list in previous years do they need to do a new one each year ?

**YES.** Composing your list of departed loved ones is part of your prayer for them and a way of bringing them to the Eucharist which is offered for the living and the dead.

**Signing in at Mass has now stopped for this year.**

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**Primary school priest's references will be dealt with in November.**

### **This weekend 2nd Collection.**

**World Mission Sunday.** Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of the Foreign Missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Mission works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly – on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories – local church directly helping local church!

### **St Aidan's Lourdes group HCPT reunion**

Group 510 will be holding their reunion at the 11am Mass this Sunday.

Remembering especially all group members, past, present and those joining us online. We will be in the hall after Mass if anyone would like to enquire about travelling with us next year. Please speak to Bridget Hanlon or Janet O'Donnell.

The group chaplain Fr Ed Hone will be the celebrant at 11am Mass today.

### **SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS**

Although the Floating Shelter can no longer provide accommodation to the homeless it has been asked once again to help out with providing sandwiches for Nightwatch to distribute to rough sleepers in Queens Gardens, Croydon. We, in St Aidan's, have taken on Thursday nights in November and December. Volunteers are needed to cover the following jobs:

1) To make about 15 rounds of simple sandwiches and deliver them to a Coulsdon address any time up to 7.30pm on Thursdays in November and December (collection can be arranged if you are not able to deliver). About seven volunteers are needed for each week.

2) To collect all the batches of sandwiches from a Coulsdon address at 8pm on Thursdays in November and December and deliver them by car to Nightwatch in central Croydon. The round trip takes about one hour. One volunteer is needed each week.

Detailed instructions will be available for both jobs when a rota is circulated. Many parishioners have volunteered for this over the last few years but new faces are always welcome. If we have enough volunteers you should only be asked to be on the rota a couple of times.

Nightwatch have been enormously grateful for our support with sandwiches over the last few years. Their service of food distribution has become increasingly busy and the situation is not likely to improve in the foreseeable future. They see upwards of 50 clients on an average weekday evening, sometimes 70 or 80 and even more at the weekend. A lot of food is needed so do please respond to this if you can.

If you are able to help out please contact Maureen Lee - [maureenannelee213@gmail.com](mailto:maureenannelee213@gmail.com) - by Monday 23rd October saying which job you would like to do and which dates you are available.

### **Afternoon Tea**

Friday 3rd November at 4pm in the church hall for a donation of £5. If you would like to book a place, please speak to Brenda Eydman after Sunday 9am Mass or ring 01737 552610.

### **Please pray for the sick and housebound.**

Fr Peter, Kevin Leavey, 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, Bernard Leonard, Margaret Long, Norma Cordell, Christopher Thomas, Coral Hind, Jean Turner, Freda Blade, David Morling. And all who are sick.

### **Day of Recollection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

Canon Gerald Bradley is inviting readers and Eucharistic Ministers to a Day of Recollection for prayer, renewal and practical guidance for your ministry. It will be from 10-3pm Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 at St Boniface Hall, 185 Mitcham Road, Tooting, SW17 9PG. Lunch is included. Please email [coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

**Taskforce.** This is taking place next Saturday 28 October. 10am - 12 noon  
Please come to do some jobs around the church and grounds. Many thanks.

## Prayer for the people of the Holy Land.

Our world is increasingly beset by violence and injustice in these times. Please take to heart the call to pray for the victims of violence in the Holy Land. Rosary and Benediction this Sunday at 4pm would be an excellent time to gather in church for prayer.

At the conclusion of his general audience last Wednesday, our Holy Father Pope Francis announced another **day of prayer and fasting** for an end to the Israel-Hamas war, to be observed on **Friday 27 October**.

The Holy Father went on to say, it will be “a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit.”

On that Friday, the Holy Father will preside over a vigil in St Peter’s Square at 6pm (5pm UK). He is desirous that faithful around the world join with him in prayer at that hour “in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world”.

There will be Exposition of the blessed sacrament in our church from 10am - 10.30am. On Friday.

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**SYNOD 21 - 24.** - *Cardinal Vincent’s reflection continued from last week.*

**In 2021 The synod process throughout the world began at parish level. We had meetings where we discussed Church life under three headings: COMMUNITY - PARTICIPATION - MISSION.**

**Below is part 3 of a reflection by Cardinal Vincent which helps to focus our minds on the current phase taking place in Rome.**



Every moment and every place is, for us, a time and location for mission: the supermarket, the casual meeting, the places of leisure and of work, the family circle. By this I do not mean that we are always talking about the things of faith, but that we are constantly attentive to the many ways in which the good Lord might be prompting a person, and us ourselves, to take a step nearer to him. How can we then accompany that person to take the next step, with sensitivity and humility, grateful for our own friendship with the Lord, the gift of faith that we have received?

May the coming month of October be a time of grace for our Church, both in the great gathering in Rome and in the circles of our lives here at home. May October, the month of the Holy Rosary, see us take up our rosary beads each day, asking our Blessed Mother to strengthen and guide us in this journey of faith.

## Advent Retreat 2023 – Prepare Your Heart

By Redemptorist Publications.

Starting 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Journey this Advent and prepare yourself to enter into the story of Christ’s birth through prayer and reflection. Only £20. What’s included: *Prepare Your Heart* Book, St Joseph Icon Christmas Cards, four weekly emails throughout Advent, each containing access to a thought-provoking video to accompany the *Prepare Your Heart* book, donation to charitable missions and postage & packaging. If you are interested, then go to this link and fill out the form by the 27<sup>th</sup> October <https://mailchi.mp/e3b04f480a6f/rp-advent-retreat-2023>.

## OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £586 Standing Orders £540,  
Card reader: £117

**Total income: £1,243**

of which £635 was gift-aided

## THANK YOU.

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

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## **WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE.**

Croydon Refugee Centre are always grateful for our donations. Current needs: New underwear and socks for men, women and children particularly girls' socks. Size 1 nappies and baby clothes. Trainers. There is also a great need for toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, washing up liquid, pasta and rice.

## **The Purley Food Hub [purleyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:purleyfoodhub@gmail.com)**

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

Current priorities: Packs of cereal, Tinned meat meals (not hot dogs) Packet and tinned potatoes, Tins of tuna, Jars of pasta sauce, Small bottles squash, Hot chocolate drink needing only water, tinned and packet custard, Deodorant, Shampoo.

## **Art Exhibition**

Croydon Sketch and Painting Group are holding an art exhibition Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 10-4pm at Christ Church Methodist, 114 Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon, CR0 6AD. Local artists' works (including one of our own parishioner's), cards, crafts and bric-a-brac. Free entry. Refreshments available.

## **Today's readings.**

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 45:1,4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

### **Psalms 95(96):1,3-5,7-10**

*Give the Lord glory and power.*

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught. I  
t was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

### **Second Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'