

# NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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**Year B**

**Epiphany of the Lord.**

**7 January 2024**

*11am Mass is streamed for housebound on the parish YouTube channel: St Aidans Coulsdon*

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Margaret Gibbs RIP.

**Sunday 9am** John and Helen Kilkelly RIP

**Sunday 11am** Celebrant's intention. STREAMED

**Monday 10am** Raymond Devine RIP **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Tuesday** No Mass

**Wednesday** No Mass

**Thursday 10am** Mary Nellie Jean Morgan RIP.

**Friday 10am** Eddie Moniz RIP. **Exposition until 11am** STREAMING resumes for all Masses.

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Hilary Devine RIP

**Sunday 9am** People of the parish

**Sunday 11am** Rosana Rodrigues RIP.

**Life breakfast after 9am Mass.**

**Bar open after 11am Mass.**

**Shop.**

Southwark diocesan 2024 directories £6.

Catholic diaries £3.

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

Stephen Dormer, Barbara Wood, Ewan Keppie, Kevin Leavey, Anne Walker, Eileen & Jack Darville, Caroline Garvey, Pat Kelly, Truda Hobbs, Marion McCluskey, 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, Coral Hind, Freda Blade, David Morling.

**This week second collection : Catholic Children's Society (CCS) - Crisis Fund.**

We do not have a collection basket near our crib at St Aidan's for 'crib offerings'. Instead we will have a second collection this weekend.

CCS Crisis Fund provides immediate financial support for families facing a crisis in their lives. This support can make a huge difference to families in desperate situations when they have nowhere else to turn. See website for more information:

<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/>

The St Aidan's Listening Group meet on the second Friday of each month in the hall Marian Room from 10:30 – 11:30 am. The next session will be on Friday 12th January. [listeningtoyou.staidans@gmail.com](mailto:listeningtoyou.staidans@gmail.com)  
The group has been set up to support those who have experienced bereavement and loss of any kind.

### **Thought for the day - Epiphany**

In our deepest selves, each of us is a mystery: Where do I come from? Where am I going? Why am I here? How should I live? The risk in our present culture is to sleepwalk through life, to be satisfied with a merely material existence. But the human “project” is much greater. Each of us is really on a pilgrimage, or better on a quest — a quest to become my true self, in the image and likeness of God. My truest self is found by being open to God, in whom we live and move and have our being. By following that star, by listening to our conscience and inner selves, we come home to God.

### **Prayer**

You are the mystery at the heart of all that exists:  
draw us to yourself, O Lord,  
that knowing you we may find our true selves,  
and finding our true selves,  
we may come to know you.

*The above is from .... © Fr Kieran O'Mahoney*

### **SVP MEETING**

The next meeting of the parish SVP group will take place on the evening of Monday 8th January 2024 at 8:15pm in the hall Marian Room.

### **Today's readings.**

#### **First reading**

#### **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.  
Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.  
Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.  
At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,  
the wealth of the nations come to you;  
camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

#### **Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13**

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

#### **Second reading Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6**

#### **Gospel**

#### **Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. ‘Where is the infant king of the Jews?’ they asked. ‘We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.’ When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ‘At Bethlehem in Judaea,’ they told him ‘for this is what the prophet wrote:  
*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*’  
Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. ‘Go and find out all about the child,’ he said ‘and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.’ Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.