

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon

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EASTER SUNDAY

31st March 2024

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

SAT VIGIL 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass. People of the parish

EASTER SUNDAY 9am Eric & Donald Dourado RIP

EASTER SUNDAY 11am Necie McNamara RIP.

Monday 10am Fr Jim Keenan RIP.

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday 6.30pm Angela, Tom & Patrick Keely RIP.

THURSDAY 10am Canon Martin Lee RIP.

FRIDAY 10am Fr Jim Kirby RIP.

Saturday Vigil 6pm People of the parish

Sunday 9am Mary Melody RIP

Sunday 11am Welfare of Phillips and Ruseniek's Families

**On Easter Sunday
there is no Life breakfast.
The Bar will be open at
12 noon.**



**A 'Happy Easter'
to all our parishioners
and to our visitors.**

Fr Peter Deacon Tony

Photo: Easter garden - St Aidan's.

Please pray for the sick and housebound. Nicy Roberts, Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman. Bridget Haran, Eileen Darville, Barbara Wood, Ewan Keppie, Kevin Leavey, Anne Walker, Pat Kelly, Marion McCluskey, Mary Crehan, Winn Jordan, Charlie Hooke, Allen Reilly, David Gibson, Sarah Bell, Juliette Hinds, Veronica Lydon, Sammy McCarroll, Rosie Longworth, Anthony Grimshaw, Eileen Brockhurst, Trudy Kiely, John Cooksey, Geoff Wood, Bernard Leonard, Margaret Long, Norma Cordell, Coral Hind, Freda Blade, David Morling, and all who are sick.

Easter offerings.

The collection at the Easter Masses (and Christmas) is the main source of personal income for priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes throughout England. Catholic priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. They are therefore dependent on the Christmas & Easter offerings for personal income.

'Just giving', BACs, Card reader and online donations can be designated as 'Easter offerings'.

Parishioners' main responsibility is to the priest of their own parish, not the parish they may be visiting at Easter. If you are going away you may wish to put your contribution in an envelope and post it through the Parish House letterbox or leave it in the sacristy marked 'Easter offering'.

Any cheques should be made payable to the parish bank account 'RCAS Coulsdon' for banking purposes. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme, please use the relevant envelope as the parish will benefit from the tax returned.

Afternoon Tea Friday

5th April at 4 o'clock

in the church hall for a donation of £5.

Please note the change of time as the clocks will have gone forward. If you would like to book a place please speak to Brenda Eydman after 9 o'clock Mass or telephone 01737 552610

Easter Sunday readings: NOT THE VIGIL MASS

First Reading ACTS 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

*This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second Reading COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel JOHN 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.