

# NEWSLETTER

## *St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon*



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**Year B**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**17th March 2024**

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

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** People of the parish

**Sunday 9am** Hilda Duddy RIP.

**Sunday 11am** Welfare of Fr Paul O'Connor.

**Monday 10am** Donor's intention

**Tuesday 5pm Mass** *St Joseph*

**Wednesday 6.30pm** PKM

**Thursday 10am** Nigel Elliott RIP

**Friday 10am** Maeve Barratt RIP **Exposition until 11am.** Confessions

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** People of the parish

**Palm blessing begins in hall for both Masses in the morning:**

**Sunday 9am** Rose D'Souza RIP ; **Sunday 11am** Margaret O'Leary RIP

**Life breakfast after 9am Mass.**

**Bar open after 11am Mass.**

**Stations of the cross during  
Lent will be in church at 4pm  
on Sundays. STREAMED**

**THIS SUNDAY - The Second Collection** will be for Poor Parishes; this fund enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in our diocese.

### **The Solemnity of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church is on Tuesday.**

There will be a Mass at 5pm on Tuesday in honour of St Joseph. He is an exemplar of the virtuous Christian father, and his willingness to do God's will is the reason why he is venerated by the Church.

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

Clare Beechen, Nici Roberts, Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman, Bridget Haran, Eileen Darville, Barbara Wood, Ewan Keppie, Kevin Leavey, Anne Walker, Caroline Garvey, 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, Joseph Darville, Bernard Leonard, Margaret Long, Norma Cordell, Coral Hind, Freda Blade, David Morling,

**A Happy St Patrick's Day to everyone !**

**Taskforce is taking place next Saturday  
23rd March 10am - 12 noon.**

Last one before Easter, please come to do some jobs around the church and grounds. Many thanks.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions.**

After Mass on Saturday evening and by request.

**Social Club** - members' annual subscriptions are due this month. Adults £5. See Dave Murray.

**St Aidan's Social Club**  
**17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**St Patricks Day Celebration.**  
**An invitation to all parishioners.**



12pm to 4pm  
Craic, Ceol agus Cairde!  
*Fun, Music & Friendship!*  
No charge on the door,  
just bring a plate of food to share.  
Cash bar Charity Raffle  
Games and treats for the children,  
dress up not essential but encouraged !

**WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE.**

Croydon Refugee Centre are always grateful for our donations. Current needs: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, washing up liquid, washing pods, toilet rolls, boy's socks (new) especially aged 4 to 10, men's new underwear (boxers) - especially size medium, rucksacks, luggage (needed for those having to move at very short notice) and shopping trollies.

**The Purley Food Hub.**

**purleyfoodhub@gmail.com**

The Purley Food Hub are grateful for all your generous donations over many months. Current priorities: Small Jars of Coffee • Small Bags of Sugar (500g) • Tinned Meat such as Beef, Chicken, Ham • Jars of Jam • Tinned Tomatoes • Packet Custard requiring only water • Tinned Rice Pudding • Tin Openers • Unisex Deodorant • J Cloths & Kitchen Sponge scourers

**200 Club – March 2024 Draw Winner**

The March draw for the 200 Club took place last Sunday. The winning number was No.64, and the winner is Genevieve James who will receive £200. If you are not a member of the 200 Club and wish to join, or would like more information before you decide, please contact Erica Thurbon – email: [eathurbon@btinternet.com](mailto:eathurbon@btinternet.com)

**Right to Life UK**

*Parliamentary pro-life group.*

**PRAYER**

As we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Tuesday let us pray for all fathers, that, through their example, they may demonstrate the loving provision and compassion of Almighty God to their children. Lord hear us

**GOOD FRIDAY TEAS in aid of CAFOD** after the 3pm service on Good Friday in the hall.

Volunteers needed to organise this would be much appreciated event. If you can help please contact Rosa Shea [rosashea@outlook.com](mailto:rosashea@outlook.com) or Fr Peter.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS FOR THE CHRISM MASS - Blessing of the Holy Oils and renewal of commitment of the priests of our Diocese.** The Chrism Mass will be in St George's Cathedral on Wednesday 27th March, and the Music Committee wish to convene a Diocesan Choir. A special choir rehearsal will be on Saturday 23rd March 10.30am – 1pm, in the Amigo Hall. Tea and coffee will be provided during a break. On Wednesday 27th March choir members are asked to arrive at 9.45am for a 10.00am rehearsal; the Mass begins at 11.30am. You can register to sing on the News page of the diocesan website ([www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)) or email [singing@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:singing@rcaos.org.uk)

**OUR OFFERTORY INCOME .** Cash £594, Standing Orders £540, Card reader: £233

**Total income:** £1,367 of which £746 was gift-aided

**Thank you.**

Please consider making a standing order for your offertory contributions. Contact our treasurer Martin Puckett to get the details. [couldontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:couldontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk)

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## Holy Week & Easter 2024

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSION

- ♦ Friday 22nd March - 10.30am after Mass, during Exposition.
- ♦ Saturday 23rd March - 12 to 12.30pm and after the 6pm Mass
- ♦ Monday 25th March - 10.30am after Mass.
- ♦ Wednesday 27th March - 7.30pm - 8pm
- ♦ Holy Saturday 30th March - 12 to 12.30pm

**On Palm Sunday 24th March both morning Masses begin in the hall with the blessing of palms and procession to church.**

### WEDNESDAY 27 March.

*11.15am Chrism Mass - blessing of holy oils. St George's Cathedral, Southwark. SE1 7HY.*  
People from parishes in our diocese are welcome.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March

**8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper** - with washing of the feet.  
After Mass, 'Watching' at altar of repose until Night Prayer at 11.50pm.

### GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

*A day of 'fast and abstinence' - it means eating less and no meat.*

**11.00am Walk of witness - Begins at St Aidan's** Coulsdon Christians carry the Cross from St Aidan's to the Methodist Church Brighton Road.  
Refreshments provided after a short service outside.

**3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's passion and death.**  
Tea in hall afterwards.

### HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

NB. No 6.00pm Mass

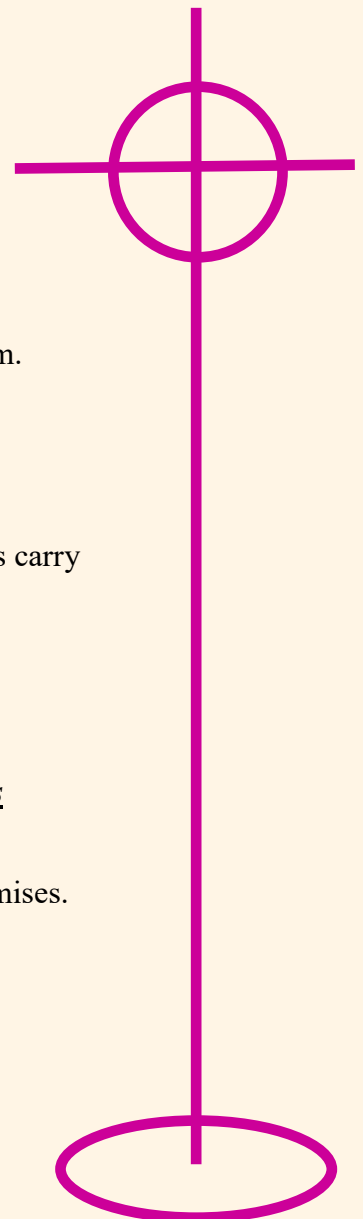
**8.30 pm Easter Vigil - the first Mass of Easter**  
Blessing of the new fire and paschal candle. Renewal of baptismal promises.

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR.**

### EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

**6.30am (BST) SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE.**  
Coulsdon Christians gather on Farthing Downs.

**Easter morning Masses: 9.00 am. and 11.00 am.**



## Today's readings.

### First Reading JEREMIAH 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

### PSALM 50(51):3-4,12-15

*A pure heart create for me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you.

### Second Reading HEBREWS 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

### Gospel JOHN 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.