

# NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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PALM SUNDAY

24th March 2024

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

### 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

Monday 10am Paul McCarrol RIP

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday No Mass here – Chrism Mass 11.15am at St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY, all welcome.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 8pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper, watching until midnight People of the parish.

**GOOD FRIDAY 11am** Inter-church procession of the Cross

**GOOD FRIDAY 3pm** Solemn Passion service with veneration of the Cross

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

**EASTER SUNDAY 9am** Eric & Donald Dourado RIP **EASTER SUNDAY 11am**

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation.**  
Please see page 3 for times  
of Confessions this week.

**There is no service of Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday.** The church will be open until 5.30pm. for people to do them privately or visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

### Polish food blessing on Holy Saturday 30th March.

Poles have a tradition of having Easter food blessed. Fr Peter will be available in Church at 12.30pm on Saturday after Confessions for anyone wishing to have the blessing of their food.

### 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, 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, 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.**

**The Good Friday collection for the Holy Places** is used to maintain churches and shrines in the Holy Land associated with the life of Jesus. It also helps the work of the Church in the Holy Land by the relief of poverty and suffering. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres there rely very much on assistance from the Collection, especially at this difficult time for them.

### **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.

### **Right to Life UK**

*Parliamentary pro-life group.*

#### **PRAYER**

As we recall the welcome of the Lord into Jerusalem and then His Passion and Death, let us pray for that spirit of welcome, especially towards the most vulnerable, allowing us to see the Lord in people who are homeless, those who are disabled, immigrants, and the unborn. Lord hear us.

### **Gift Aid Envelopes**

The new sets of Gift Aid Offertory envelopes are now available for collection from the table at the back of church. The boxes of envelopes are for those who make their Offertory donation in cash or by cheque. The smaller envelopes are for those who have set up a standing order, and therefore contain envelopes only for Diocesan 2nd Collections, Easter & Christmas offerings.

The new batch of envelopes come into effect from the 9th April 2023. If you want to donate by standing order instead of using cash, please contact our Parish Treasurer at [coulsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:coulsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk) You can also make a donation using the Card Reader at the back of church, or through the JustGiving page, the link for which can be found on the Home page of our parish website. If you have any questions, please contact Peter, or telephone the number at the top of this newsletter.

If you are a Gift Aid donor, please collect your envelopes at the end of Mass. Thank you for all your contributions.

### **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)

### **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

### **The Purley Food Hub.**

**[purleyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:purleyfoodhub@gmail.com)**

Please leave food items in church porch. No fruit or perishables please.

### **WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE.**

Croydon Refugee Centre are always grateful for our donations. Current needs: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, women's deodorant, razors, washing up liquid, washing capsules, toothpaste, soup/dessert bowls and spoons, dinner plates, saucepans etc, size 16 plus (underwear for women), women's socks, men's large & XL u/w (boxers).

**OUR OFFERTORY INCOME .** Cash £609, Standing Orders £540, Card reader: £83

**Total income:** £1,232 of which £673 was gift-aided

**Second Collection: Poor Parishes £500**

### **Thank you.**

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

**[coulsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:coulsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk)**

# St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon

## 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 all the 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**

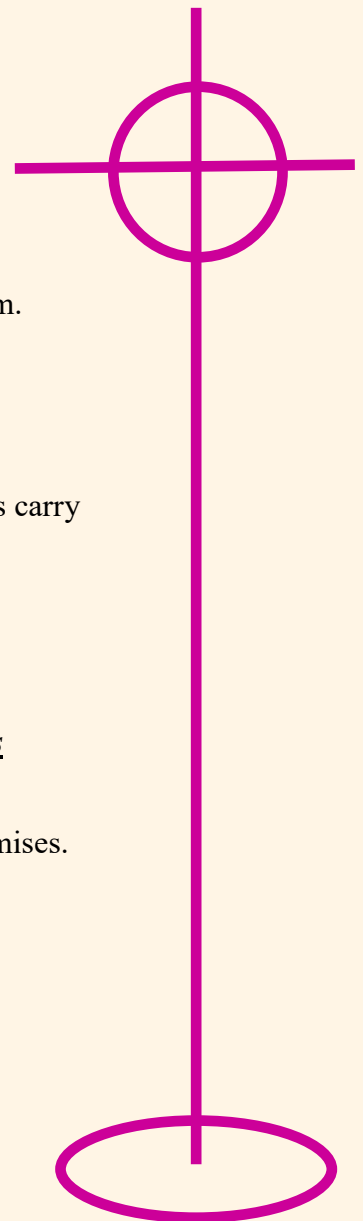
**8.30 pm Easter Vigil - the first Mass of Easter**  
Blessing of the new fire and paschal candle. Renewal of baptismal promises.

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR.**

### EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

**6.30am (BST) SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE.**  
Coulsdon Christians gather on Farthing Downs, - ends with breakfast.

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



## Today's readings:

### Blessing of palms.

#### Gospel

**John 12:12-16**

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

#### Mass readings:

#### First Reading

**ISAIAH 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**PSALM 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24**

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.

#### Second Reading

**PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The passion Gospel according to St Mark can be read online [here](#) .**