

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

Pentecost

19th May 2024

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Dave O'Donoghue RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Annie Maloney RIP

Sunday 11am People of the parish **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**

Monday 10am Marie Louise Nicot

Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday NO MASS

Wednesday 10am People of the parish

NB WEDNESDAY MASS is 10am.

Thursday 10am Fr Barry Hughes RIP

Our Lord Jesus Christ eternal High Priest.

Friday 10am Peter Scott RIP Exposition until 11am. **6.30pm** Rosary and Benediction for May

Saturday Vigil 6pm Alex Leonard RIP

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am Colin Hadley RIP

Sunday 11am People of the parish

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

Pentecost.

Today we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and disciples, including Mary the mother of Jesus. It is also a day to reflect on the gift of the Spirit to the Church and to all of us who are Christ's followers.

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit and ask for a renewal of the grace of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation in our lives and in the life of our Parish.

We ask God's blessing on all the children in our parish who are making their First Holy Communion this week at the 11am Sunday Mass.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman, 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.

The VEHICLE NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION - ANPR system is now installed in the church car park and is active.

It is switched OFF for Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday Masses and Sunday Social Club.

We are waiting for one more sign which will be erected near the front gate.

Please get authorisation on every occasion by registering your vehicle number in the tablet or QR code provided in the church porch and hall foyer.

If you do so you may stay as long as you need but not past 11.55pm.

If you leave and return you must register.

The QR code is very easy to use as it can be used with your own smart phone.

DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT - YOUR VEHICLE NUMBER MUST BE REGISTERED FOR CHURCH SERVICES OR HALL EVENTS ON WEEKDAYS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A PENALTY NOTICE FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY CCP Ltd.

The month of May in Catholic tradition is dedicated to Mary, Mother of Christ and mother of us all.

There will be Rosary and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm every Friday in.

Devotion to Mary is an important part of our spiritual lives as Catholics. Praying to Mary is of course not the same as offering prayer to God.

When we pray to Mary we are not worshipping her we are asking her help as a loving Mother in the Christian family.

CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES.

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk giving the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish.

Please let Fr Peter know if you are going:
couldson@rcaos.org.uk

Parish office help.

St Aidan's church office needs the help of a volunteer to do about two hours on Mondays, from 11am or afternoon. Please contact Fr Peter if you can help. Knowledge of MS Word essential.

Email couldson@rcaos.org.uk

An Ecumenical CELEBRATION on Pentecost.

Couldson Churches Together 40th Birthday

A United Service followed by Refreshments



Date and Time:

19th May 2024, 18.00

Venue: Old Couldson Congregational Church and its Cameron Hall, Couldson Road, CR5 1BH. No off road parking available.

Please let Fr Peter know if you wish to attend.
couldson@rcaos.org.uk

HCPT Grp 510 Wine Tasting Evening

Friday the 7th June, Grp 510 will be hosting evening of tastings. There will be 7 different wines, a professional sommelier, with table bread and cheese board. Spaces are **LIMITED £20pp, 7pm for 7.30 start.**

To secure your place, please email

Group510@hcpt.org.uk stating how many tickets you would like, or call Bridget on 07899 915515. Tickets will also be available after Masses.

Saint Jude Summer Celebration 1st June 2024 Praying with Saint Jude and the Apostles

ALL WELCOME This is a lovely occasion when we can usually celebrate Mass outside in the sunshine, followed by a procession past the Shrine of Saint Jude. We also have an opportunity for pilgrims to be anointed with Saint Jude oil. Refreshments & piety stall available.

11.00: Devotions with Anointing 13.30: Open Air Mass 14.30: Procession to the Shrine of Saint Jude, 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7JW Coaches welcome - please book via 01795 539 214

Catholic Primary & secondary school references.

Will you be requesting a priest's reference accompanying an application for a Catholic school this autumn ?

If so, please write your child's name and sign in the place indicated on the clipboard provided in the church porch.

There are separate clipboards for primary and secondary schools.

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea)

They are very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

The Purley Food Hub. purleyfoodhub@gmail.com

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

Top 10 priority items for May:

• Cartons of Long Life Whole Milk • Jars of Jam & Honey • Hot Chocolate requiring only water • Tinned Tuna Fish - the most popular with children! • Tinned Vegetarian Meals • Toddler Microwave Meals for 10 months+ • Tins of Rice Pudding • Tins of Dessert Fruit • Unisex Shampoo in liquid or bar form • Washing Powder Tablets

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).

Discernment Workshops 28th May, 11th June, 25th June

A series of **online** workshops looking at the principles and practice of Ignatian Discernment. Open to **young adults (20s and 30s)**. In these workshop we will consider what Ignatian spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward. To register please email: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 24 - 26 May 2024

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

200 Club – May 2024 Draw Winner

The April draw for the 200 Club took place last Sunday. The winning number was 69 and the winner is Alexandra Collins who will receive £200.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £930, Standing Orders £540, Card reader: £433 **Total income: £1,903** of which £950 was gift-aided

2nd Collection: Catholic Communications Network £195 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

**Sunday readings:
NOT BEING USED AT 11am.**

First Reading ACTS 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Second Reading GALATIANS 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel JOHN 15:26-27,16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. ‘I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: *All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.*’