

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

Trinity Sunday

26th May 2024

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Alex Leonard RIP

Confessions after Mass.

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Sunday 9am Colin Hadley RIP

Bar open after 11am Mass.

Sunday 11am People of the parish

Monday 10am Special Intention for Anna Aldridge

St Augustine of Canterbury

Tuesday NO MASS

Wednesday 6.30pm Kathy Brady RIP

Thursday 10am Michael Hanrahan RIP

Friday 10am Exposition until 11am. **THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Friday 6.30pm Rosary and Benediction for May

Saturday Vigil 6pm PKM

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am Desmond Shanley RIP

Sunday 11am People of the parish

2nd Collection today for St Aidan's Lourdes group -

This weekend the second collection will be for the St. Aidan's Lourdes group (HCPT 510). Every year a core group of volunteers from St. Aidan's take sick, disabled, terminally ill or socially challenged children and adults, on a pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes. We aim to financially assist anyone who may not otherwise be able to join us. This year the cost is £995 per person. We try not to turn away anyone who needs to travel, and aim to offer financial assistance for anyone who needs it. All carers are self-funded volunteers. If you are able to gift aid your donation, even better, please collect a form from the porch and either pass to a Mass welcomer this week or next.

Cheques payable to: RCAS Coulsdon.

Also 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.

Today is Trinity Sunday.

It is a day on which we contemplate the mystery of the inner life of God as three persons in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The doctrine of the Trinity reminds us that within God there are RELATIONSHIPS. It would therefore be a mistake to regard the Trinity as just three manifestations of God. That's the view that says God sometimes acts as a Father figure, sometimes takes a human form in the Son and sometimes communicates as Spirit. This view of God is called Modalism and is condemned by the Church as a heresy. It leaves no room for relationships of love within God.

Christ's revelation that there are three persons in relationship within God is very important to our understanding of the nature of God. This is why St. John the Evangelist can write that 'God is Love' (1Jn. 4: 8). Love can only come about in the context of relationship. The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that the relationships between Father, Son and Spirit exist eternally, even before the Son became human.

St. Paul's insight into the implications of the Trinity is shown in his teaching that through the incarnation of the Son, the inner life of God comes into the world. (Ephesians 3: 15). The experience of 'family' within humanity is an extension of the divine family of the Trinity. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit humanity is empowered and enabled to intimately share in the inner life of God.

Jesus calls us to be part of the family of the Church. The Church community is the place where the relationships within God merge with humanity and where the love of Father, Son and Spirit flows into the world through the body of Christ. The relationships within God open out to include the whole of humanity. Hence the prayer that the priest says at every Mass when the water is mixed with the wine. "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share in His divinity, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Trinity Sunday is a celebration not only of who God is but also who we are. It is about our 'belonging' as a people who are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

Afternoon Tea Friday 7th June at 4pm

In the hall for a donation of £5. If you would like to book a place, please speak to Brenda Eydman after the 9am Mass or ring 01737 552610.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Our prayers are asked especially for Neil and Keith Ockenden, elderly brothers who are both in hospital. Well known to the John Fisher School past pupils.

Also,

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.

If you know of anyone who should be on our parish sick list or needs Holy Communion at home please let Fr Peter know.

Br Stephen – Ordination as a Deacon.

Stephen Trafford, who was on placement here last year, will be ordained as a Deacon on Saturday 15th June. He will be a transitional Deacon as he prepares for priestly ordination in 2025. His diaconate ordination will take place at 10:30am in Westminster Cathedral. He extends a warm invitation to the whole parish for anyone who wishes to attend and sit in the public seating available. Stephen will be here at St Aidan's next day 16th June for the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses, assisting as a Deacon. We have also invited him to do his first baptism here that day.

Archbishop John has decided that Stephen will be returning to St Aidan's for a three week pastoral placement from 24 June to 14 July.

As from September another student for the priesthood, Oliver Abasolo will be coming here for a pastoral placement until July 2025. Oliver is a mature student (around 50 yrs.) who is studying at the Beda College in Rome. The Beda is a seminary for mature seminarians from English speaking countries. Oliver is Filipino. He was a nurse for over twenty years in the UK and worked at Kingston Hospital prior to applying for the priesthood. We look forward to welcoming him to the parish.

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.

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 May.

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

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).

Parking during Church services.

Residents have brought it to Fr Peter's attention that some people attending Mass have been parking their cars on Chipstead Valley Road even when there is space for parking in our own car park.

Also, it has been a long standing complaint of residents that double parking near the church on Chipstead Valley Rd is obstructive for emergency vehicles as the road is narrow on that stretch. Even if the yellow lines permit vehicles to park, drivers should look and see if the space in the middle would accommodate a fire engine getting through.

When looking for a place to park let us please be reasonable and sensitive to the residents who are our neighbours.

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.

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 FORM THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY CCP Ltd.

Job Vacancy - School Business Manager

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School, Coulsdon

Start Date: July 2024 Contract: Part Time Post - 2 or 3 days weekly (40 weeks) 8:30am to 4:30pm
Salary: £47,040 (Pro Rata) NJC Range 36

Closing Date: 10 June 2024, 12pm

Applications: Email to Mrs Caterina Hughes,
Head of School admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £884, Standing Orders £540,
Card reader £102

Total income: £1,526 of which £697 was gift-aided

Thank you.

FORMATION FAYRE

Join Archbishop John Wilson for an enriching day of faith development at the Formation Fayre 2024 on 8 June 2024 at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral. This year's theme, "Made for More" will inspire and engage both lay Catholics and clergy. This event promises dynamic breakout sessions that will strengthen everyone's relationship with Jesus. Register now at aec.rcaos.org.uk/formation-fayre and be part of this fun and inspiring event.

FORMATION FAYRE

Afternoon Breakouts

PRAYING AT HOME WITH THE BIBLE

Dr. Karen North & Lissette Jeannet

This talk will provide an introduction to the Bible, as well as practical applications for personal prayer.

A

CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE

Emily Hawkins

Navigate contemporary controversies and hot-button issues with clarity and compassion, exploring how Catholic principles guide ethical decision-making in today's world.

B

BREATH OF LIFE: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Liz Corcoran

Unveil the profound role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, exploring how His guidance, wisdom, and power enable us to live with purpose and passion.

C

Register Today

Sunday readings:

First Reading

DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34,39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

PSALM 32(33):4-6,9,18-20,22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and it came to be.
He commanded; it sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading

ROMANS 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel

MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'