

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

Corpus Christi - The Body and Blood of Christ

2nd June 2024

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm John McCluskey RIP.

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am Desmond Shanley RIP

Sunday 11am People of the parish

Monday 10am Jacqui, Terry and Patrick - all terminally ill. *St Charles Lwanga and Companions*

Tuesday 10am Frances Betts RIP

NB Change to Tuesday and Wednesday Mass schedule.

Wednesday NO MASS *St Boniface*

Thursday 10am Tim Toomey RIP

Friday 10am Isabel Noronha RIP Exposition until 11am. **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Saturday Vigil 6pm Olivet Almeida RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Margaret O'Donnell RIP

Sunday 11am People of the parish

Next weekend Fr Kevin Hughes will be coming to promote the red mission boxes at all Masses.

A red box is to keep at home to collect your loose change for the foreign missions.

Wine Tasting Evening Friday the 7th June, Lourdes 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.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Neil and Keith Ockenden, 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.

Today is Corpus Christi when we give thanks for the gift of the sacrament of the Body & Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

The following paragraphs are extracts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church - section on the Eucharist.

The entire text with references and footnotes can be found in paragraphs 1322 -1415.

<https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc/index.htm>

The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, in the liturgy of the Church (Mass) which is his Body.

When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present. The sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present.

Because it is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: "This is my body which is given for you" and "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood."¹⁸⁷ In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit:

The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different.

Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. In the catacombs the Church is often represented as a woman in prayer, arms outstretched in the praying position. Like Christ who stretched out his arms on the cross, through him, with him, and in him, she offers herself and intercedes for all men

The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.*" "This presence is called 'real' — by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.

It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament.

It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered.

Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, that **by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood.** This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation.

Worship of the Eucharist. In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession.

The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Hymn by St Thomas Aquinas.

*Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and
nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.*

*Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.*

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.

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 next meeting of the parish SVP group will take place on the evening of Monday 3rd June 2024 at 8:15pm in the Marian Room".

YOUTH EVENT.

Summertime 2024: 29th July – 1st August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, [Tel:01322 220075](tel:01322220075).

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

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.

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).

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.

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Register Today

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Friday 7th June - Mass 10.00am.

Friday is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The symbol of the 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' has an important place in Catholic spirituality. It was highlighted in the seventeenth century when a French nun, Sr Margaret Mary, received a vision of Christ with flames of love coming from his heart.

In describing the apparition Margaret Mary said, "The divine heart was represented to me, ... and the wound which Jesus received on the cross appeared there visibly".

Sr. Margaret Mary's vision has its origin in the scriptures and is highlighted particularly by St John's Gospel, (Jn. 19:34). "From his heart shall flow fountains of living water" (Jn. 7:38). It was literally on the cross that he was pierced with a lance "and immediately there came out blood and water" Jn 19:34.

Sunday readings:

First Reading EXODUS 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This,' he said, 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

PSALM 115(116):12-13,15-18

*The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.*

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

Second Reading HEBREWS 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it

is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel MARK 14:12-16,22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.