

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

10th Sunday - Ordinary Time

9th June 2024

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

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

Sunday 9am Margaret O'Donnell RIP

Sunday 11am Mary Conlon RIP

Monday 10am Dave O'Donoghue RIP

Tuesday 10am People of the parish *St Barnabas*

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 10am Gerry McCann RIP *St Anthony of Padua*

Friday 10am Nolasco Almeida RIP Exposition until 11am.

Saturday Vigil 6pm Celeste Menezes RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am People of the parish **Sunday 11am** Phillips, Watts and Betts Deceased Family Members

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

**NB Tuesday Mass at 10am
No Mass Wednesday.**

This weekend we welcome Fr Kevin Hughes who is here 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.



First Holy Communion 2025 ... enrolment.

Next we will be enrolling the next group of children to prepare for their First Holy Communion. The children will need to be in Year 3 in Primary School or older from September 2024. So they are now in Year 2 in Primary School or older. Please be aware of a notice in the newsletter in the next coming weeks for details on how to enrol your child. You will need to collect the details directly from Fr Peter.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Neil and Keith Ockenden, Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman. Eileen Darville, 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.

D-Day Normandy Landings 80th Commemoration.

In Harrietsham Kent where I was Parish Priest, there was a parishioner Lord Gilbert Monckton a retired army general who as a young officer had taken part in the D-Day Normandy Landings. He saw the human carnage as he walked the beach with his General who tried to stay positive by repeating 'Could be worse Monckton, could be worse'.

Gilbert had fought at Flanders four years earlier in 1940. He had a great devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham, a shrine he visited throughout his life. At Flanders he composed a poem to Our Lady of Walsingham. The shrine was his image of peace while immersed in the fighting.

Walsingham.

***I know a place where time stands still,
at home in England now;
Where all the ages rolled in one
look down in peace and quiet.***

***Where English fields and English trees
are mingled with a stream,
which make a changeless pattern
for Our Lady's English Home***

***Now though in France at least I may
homage & honour pay,
To Mary Queen of Walsingham:
And fighting, still may pray.***

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We pray in a spirit of gratitude for all who risked and gave their lives so that we may know the freedom and peace we enjoy today where we live.

We are acutely aware of how fragile and contingent our peace and freedom is, as conflicts and wars seem to be ever increasing. May we never take peace for granted.

As Christians we are called to constantly pray for peace in our world and to always fight against injustice and oppression in whatever form they arise.

FR Peter

## **Today's Readings.**

***With the Lord there is mercy.***

The readings this week reflect on our severing ourselves from the love of God through our sins, and on the mercy and forgiveness that is always available to us when we turn to the Lord.

In the **First Reading**, we see Adam and Eve wilfully disobeying God and refusing to acknowledge their error. Their blaming each other separates them from God.

The verses of the **Psalms** tell of a contrite person longing and waiting for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, tells them that the raising of the Lord Jesus will in turn also raise us believers, so that we can be united with God and live close to him. (**Second Reading**).

Finally, the **Gospel** shows us a Jesus pressed by the crowds and by his relatives, who do not understand what he is about. Doing the will of God will make us part of his family.

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## **Next weekend 2nd Collection—DAY FOR LIFE**

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on **16 June**. The theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*.

A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

*The collection is distributed to various Catholic charities promoting the value of human LIFE.*

## **Father Joe Doetsch.**

Father Joe has moved house, not far from his old one. If you would like his new address it is:

Fred-Uhlman-Str.3, 706109 Stuttgart, Germany.

**Jesus the Good Shepherd ... working through our website and newsletter.**

As I write this newsletter I have just received a late night phone call from a stranger who had found one of our housebound parishioners lost locally having wandered out of their house at night. When I enquired how the stranger knew to phone me, they said that they googled the person's name and our newsletter came up with the name on it. From that phone call our 'missing person' was speedily reunited with their family at home.

*Fr Peter*

**The St Aidan's listening group will be meeting at 10:30am in the Marian room on Friday 14th June.** This group is open to anyone who has experienced loss. Please email [listeningtoyou.staidans@gmail.com](mailto:listeningtoyou.staidans@gmail.com) or phone the parish office 020 8660 2452 should you wish to learn more.

**Thank you for a wonderful collection for the Lourdes group,** you raised £644. It costs just under £1,000 for a person to go to Lourdes. Group 510 takes special needs adults accompanied by a group of our parishioners and other people who have a long association with the group. While all pay for themselves it is good if we can give some assistance to some who may not be able to afford the full amount.

As the collection took place during half term it may be that many people who were away would still like to donate. You can place a contribution in an envelope marked Lourdes and drop it in the collection basket next weekend or leave it in the sacristy or parish house.

**The Purley Food Hub.**  
[purleyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto: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

**CHRISTIAN ART - Daily Gospel Reading & Art Reflection.**

Google search: **Christian.art**

An excellent website with a work of art to connect with the Mass Gospel for every day of the year. It also has a commentary on the Gospel reading with an explanation of the art chosen. Link:

<https://search.app/SRmptGESDL7bUMxB7>

**YOUTH EVENT.**

**Summertime 2024: 29<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Dartford@rcaos.org.uk),  
[Tel:01322 220075](tel:01322220075).

**OUR OFFERTORY INCOME**

Cash £538, Standing Orders £540,

Card reader £216

**Total income:** £1,294 of which £735 was gift-aided

Second Collection: Lourdes Group £644

**Thank you.**

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

[couldsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:couldsdontreasurer@rcaos.org.uk)

**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).

## Sunday readings:

### First Reading

### GENESIS 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

### PSALM 129(130)

*With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you,  
O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

### Second Reading 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – *I believed, and therefore I spoke* – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

### Gospel

### MARK 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'