

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

Saints Peter & Paul - Apostles.

30th June 2024

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm People of the parish

Sunday 9am Karan Higgins RIP

Sunday: Saints Peter and Paul

Sunday 11am Fr Oscar Leake RIP.

Monday 10am Exposition *St Oliver Plunket - Martyr — relic in our altar.*

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday No Mass

St Thomas—Apostle

Thursday 10am Welfare of Thomas Di-Felice

Friday 10am Kelleher family deceased members Exposition until 11am.

Saturday Vigil 6pm Welfare of Mary Santos

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am Dennis Hopkin RIP

Sunday 11am Thanksgiving for Vicky Chandler

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is traditionally called 'Peter's Pence'. It funds the Pope's administration of the Catholic Church and contributes to his charities for the poor and needy.

We remember in prayer those who have died recently:

Tony Bleach RIP a long standing parishioner here at St Aidan's with his wife Jean and their family.

Anne Mons RIP, Jacqui Chaddock RIP, Errol DuCasse RIP

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Deacon Stephen.

This Sunday 30th June after 11am mass in the hall, come and celebrate Deacon Stephen's ordination to the diaconate. We have a special cake for you to enjoy in his honour. Some nibbles to share will be appreciated but not essential. Stephen is with us until 14th July.

Please note that any Mass intentions which have not been said due to Fr Peter's absence will be rescheduled.

To day we celebrate the feast day of St Peter & St Paul.

The Apostles Peter and Paul both suffered martyrdom in Rome for the sake of the Gospel. Peter was crucified; Paul had Roman citizenship and therefore was given the 'privilege' of not being nailed to a cross - he was beheaded by the sword.

Both men were very different in personality and in character. They were called to serve the Gospel in different ways, Peter was chosen to convert the Jews, Paul was given the task of preaching to the Gentiles, those outside of Israel.

Apart from their calling to serve Christ and their martyrdom in Rome, there was another important common aspect in their lives, neither were natural apostles. Both succeeded in their apostolic work through the grace of God. Peter often fell short in following Christ and denied him on the night of his passion. Paul before his conversion persecuted the Christians to the point of collaboration in their execution, as with St Stephen the first martyr.

This feast is a celebration of the triumph of grace over human weakness. It is good to recall that it is the same grace which Christ gives to us, his disciples of today.

Thank you for all your good wishes and prayers.

I am making good progress following a full hip replacement. I hope to be able to say weekday Masses sitting down on Thursday and Friday.

FR Peter

At 6pm Mass next Saturday 6 July, Jethro Kimbugwe and Ramani Lartey, both age 16 years, will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion.

They have made this request of their own free will and have been preparing with the help of Deacon Tony and the Confirmation catechists.

First Confession & First Holy Communion 2025. Preparation begins in September.

If you wish to enrol your child for the parish preparation programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion you must **request a booking slip from outside church after Mass this weekend**. There will be a Catechist at each Mass with enrolment slips, - they will be the person with the clipboard.

WEEKLY MASS for Catholic parent and child is an essential condition for being accepted on the preparation programme. The preparation programme is parish based. Those who live outside the Parish boundary are not eligible to enrol unless they have already attended here weekly for at least the past year. Attendance at St Aidan's School is not relevant as it is a parish programme.

It will not be possible for us to accommodate individual children who have other sport and cultural interests during session times. For this brief period the First Confession and First Communion preparation must take precedence.

I am grateful to the parishioners who have agreed to give up their time to be Catechists. The role of the Priest and catechists is to supplement the input of the parent and support the parent in accomplishing the commitment made at Baptism to "train their child in the practice of the faith". While our School is not directly involved in running the programme it provides essential support for the children who are preparing for the sacraments.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Kevin Leavey, Jean Bleach, 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, Neil and Keith Ockenden and all who are sick.

Afternoon Tea

Friday 5th July at 4pm in the church hall for a donation of £5.00.

If you would like to attend please speak to Brenda Eydman after the 9am Mass or telephone 01737 552610 to book a place.

Lourdes 2024.

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the diocesan website: rcaos.org.uk. Or contact Fr Peter. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

SVP MEETING

The next meeting will take place Monday 1st July 2024 at 8:15pm in the Marian Room.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

For Grandparents and the elderly.

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of July, and urges everyone to pray for the elderly, so that they may be "teachers of tenderness"; as the Church gears up to celebrate the 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 24th July, Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to pray throughout the month for the elderly. The Pope also reminded everyone that grandparents and the elderly must be celebrated, "Let us remember," he said, "grandparents and the elderly are the bread that nourishes our lives; they are the hidden wisdom of a people." In conclusion, Pope Francis urged all Catholics to pray for those living through old age. "Let us pray for the elderly, that they may become teachers of tenderness so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look towards the future with hope and

Live performance of St Mark's Gospel in 90mins.

Matt Britton's one man show as performed at various Christian Festivals.

An invitation from Revd Dave Sunman to join this event at his church. Woodmansterne Baptist Church Pine Walk, Woodmansterne, SM7 3QA. Saturday 13th July at 7pm. Bring friends and family but NB it will be first come first seated. Free entry. No entry charge but there will be an opportunity to "support the event." For further information please call 07460 076092 or email pastor@woodmansternebaptistchurch.com

The Purley Food Hub.

purleyfoodhub@gmail.com

PURELY FOOD HUB are always very grateful for our donations but supplies are running low so please donate some food items.

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

Cartons of long-life whole milk, jars of peanut butter, small (500g) bags of sugar, tinned meat - corned beef, ham, chicken, small bottles of squash, sponge puddings, jellies, Angel Delight for children, toddler microwave meals for 12 months+, small bottles of washing up liquid, bars of soap and toilet rolls.

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 £469, Standing Orders £591,

Card reader £80

Total income: £1,140

of which £689 was gift-aided

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

First reading**Acts 12:1-11**

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Psalm 33(34):2-9

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Second reading**2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel**Matthew 16:13-19**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'