

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7th July 2024

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Welfare of Mary Santos

Sunday 9am Dennis Hopkin RIP

Sunday 11am Thanksgiving - Vicky Chandler

Monday 10am Ernest Saldanha RIP

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday 6.30pm Martha Almeida RIP

Thursday 10am People of the parish

St Benedict

Friday 10am End of year School Mass. Parishioners welcome.

NO EXPOSITION

Saturday Vigil 6pm Michael Reilly RIP

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am William Curran RIP

Sunday 11am Welfare of Kathleen Barratt

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

NEXT WEEKEND - SECOND COLLECTION:

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Stella Maris is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide.

Stella Maris is the Chaplaincy for seafarers. Serving everyone irrespective of their faith. It is the largest ship-visiting network in the world.

We improve the lives of seafarers and fishers through our network of local chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support.

St Aidan's Church BBQ

The St Aidan's Committee are pleased to invite you to the annual Summer BBQ on Sunday 14th July. Tickets will be on sale after the weekend masses, £5 per adult and £3 per child. BBQ lunch served 1pm to 2pm, live music, games for the kids and bar open 12pm to 4pm. If you are unable to purchase in advance, please email jennylehane@aol.com to reserve or speak to any committee member.

At 6pm Mass this 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.

Card reader fraud. BEWARE !

Below is an account what happened in another parish last week.

"Two middle-aged ladies walked into the rear of the church post 11.30am Mass (so very busy at the rear of the church) approached a parishioner using one of our Dona card readers, explained they worked in the parish and were checking the machines and then took a photograph as the parishioner was tapping the card reader. The new bank cards now have all the details on the rear of card, so as the individual is tapping the reader everything is visible!"

St Aidan's Listening Group

The St Aidan's listening group will be meeting at 10:30am in the Marian room on Friday 12th July. This group is open to anyone who has experienced loss. Please email listeningtoyou.staidans@gmail.com or phone the parish office 020 8660 2452 should you wish to learn more.

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

FINAL DAY FOR ENROLMENT.

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.

Spare Tickets for Lauren Daigle's concert

There are two spare tickets for Lauren Daigle's concert at O2 arena on 14/07/24 at 8pm to give away. She is a popular Christian singer. It is short notice but if anyone would like them then please email the church office coulson@rcaos.org.uk.

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.

Purley Food Hub

Extra volunteers are required *now* to: **Sort donations and refill the Food Hub's shelves** at Purley United Reformed Church on Monday mornings. **Pack the clients' food parcels** on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. **Drive and deliver the bags to two or three clients' homes** on Wednesdays and Saturdays. **Support clients face to face or on the phone and direct them to specialist agencies for other vital help - for example, debt management.**

No previous experience is needed - all necessary training is given "on the job" and we can also arrange "taster sessions" for would-be volunteers to see what's involved. Please get in touch if you can help, or kindly spread the word to family members, friends and colleagues. For more information and a volunteer application form, contact **Jean Ludlow**, our Administrator, on 07546 635295 or email purleyfoodhub@gmail.com. Completed forms should be returned to **Salli Ransom**, Volunteer Co-ordinator, at pfh.vol@pfoodhub.org.uk.

PURLEY 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: good quality shoes/trainers especially teenager's size, soap, shampoo, conditioner, women's deodorant, razors, washing up liquid, washing capsules, j-cloths, small (500ml or less) used bottles which can be filled with shampoo, bowls and spoons.

Mass readings (not Sat 6pm).

Today's readings encourage us to place our whole trust in God's grace, for God's power is at its strongest even when we are most weak.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus has left Capernaum, the scene of many 'mighty deeds,' and headed for the home where he grew up. Once in Nazareth there is a change of mood. While his listeners are impressed by stories about him, they can't get over the fact that Jesus is one of their own, another worker, just like each of them, with sawdust in his hair and dirt under his fingernails.

The **First Reading** hints at the defiant and obstinate spirit of the townsfolk. Perhaps Jesus sees himself as Ezekiel's 'Son of man' when he says in today's Gospel that a prophet is despised in his own country. As Ezekiel writes, 'Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them'.

The **Second Reading** encourages us to rely on God when things seem to be a struggle. St Paul, faced with failure and his own weakness, clearly heard from God that it was exactly through such weakness that God's strength would be known.

The antidote to pride, scorn, and contempt is mercy (**Psalm**), and we receive it when we abandon ourselves to God. As 'slave to the master' or as 'servant to the mistress' (as the psalmist puts it), let's keep our eyes firmly fixed on our Lord, this week, till he shows us his mercy.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £549, Standing Orders £591,
Card reader £100

Total income: £1,240
of which £753 was gift-aided

Second collection: Peter's Pence £423

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

The readings below are not being used for Sat 6pm Mass

as it is a ritual Mass of Christian Initiation.

Readings:

First Reading EZEKIEL 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm PSALM 122(123)

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

Second Reading 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel MARK 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.