

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

14th July 2024

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Michael Reilly RIP

Sunday 9am William Curran RIP

Sunday 11am Welfare of Kathleen Barratt

Monday 10am Lynn Lewsey RIP

Tuesday No Mass in church.

Wednesday - NO MASS IN CHURCH due to a Mass in school for Yr 6 leavers.

Thursday 11.30am Funeral Mass for Anne Mons RIP. (No 10am Mass)

Friday 10am Antonio Fenandes RIP Exposition until 11am

Saturday Vigil 6pm Clement Do Rosario RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Intentions for the Moniz family **Sunday 11am** Celebrants's intention.

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

St Bonaventure

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

THIS WEEK'S 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.

Transport. If anyone is available to drive Fr Peter to a meeting at West Croydon Catholic Church, 70 Wellesley Road, West Croydon CR0 2AR please let him know. Leaving St Aidan's at 10.45am on Monday 15th. Contact by email or see Fr Peter after Mass. coulsdon@rcaos.org.uk

We say "au revoir" and thank you to Deacon Stephen today. We wish him every blessing for his final year at the seminary and we look forward to his ordination as a priest next summer.

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.

There is availability for Mass intentions for the month of August. If you wish to have a Mass intention offered please contact Fr Peter by email or in the sacristy after Mass as soon as possible, by Wednesday evening of this week at the latest. There is no need to be concerned about the offering as that can be given at a later time. couldson@rcaos.org.uk

See below for an explanation as to what a Mass intention means.

MASS INTENTIONS

- An explanation of our Catholic tradition and practical steps for booking a Mass intention.

Requesting Mass intentions has been a strong Catholic tradition for centuries. It is the greatest prayer.

What does a Mass Intention mean? When a special Intention is associated with a Mass it means that intention or person is being particularly remembered. This is not in a way that excludes others. Every Mass is for the whole of humanity, living and dead. At the consecration at Mass we recall Christ's words indicating that his blood is shed for everyone.

1. For the dead It is part of our Catholic belief that Christians on earth can spiritually accompany those who have died as they make their journey to God. The purification of the Souls who have died is hastened by the power of our love expressed in prayer and good works when united with the sacrifice of Christ. The greatest prayer of all is the Mass. It is the Sacrifice of Christ made present, bringing us the life of our Risen Lord.

A person may request that a Mass be celebrated for the repose of the soul of any named person or persons, e.g. members of your family or those you have known. A request for a Mass intention for someone who has died is normally made at the time of death or on an anniversary or birthday. But anytime is a good time to request a Mass. Also, one Mass intention may be given for all deceased members of a named family.

2. For the living A Mass Intention may be requested at any time to ask God's blessing upon any person you wish to name who is still alive. A card is not compulsory but it can be appropriate for a special occasion such as at a time of illness or at a time of special celebration. Apart from illness, a Mass intention may be requested for a particular occasion, this may be specified or it can remain anonymous and designated as 'donors Intention'. The Lord knows what is in your heart when you request a Mass intention. An example of a special intention could be for someone doing an examination or a going for job interview or celebrating a special Marriage anniversary.

Procedure for booking a Mass Intention:

If you wish to request a Mass Intention please write the intention on an envelope. Indicate whether the intention is for the living or the dead. Please include your own name and contact if you wish us to contact you re date of the Mass. The envelope can be posted through the letterbox of the Parish House. It is customary to include an offering. The purpose of the offering is to symbolise that you are making a small sacrifice to associate yourself with the sacrifice of Christ made present in the Eucharist. It should not be seen as a way of raising funds. There is no 'charge' for a Mass but the suggested diocesan guideline for an offering is £10. Inability to make such an offering should not prevent anyone from requesting a Mass intention.

Mass Cards are available from the Repository shop in Church. It is not necessary to have a Mass Card for all Mass intentions but on some occasions it may be appropriate to send a card to the people concerned.

When a Card is used it must be signed by the priest or his delegate.

Sometimes Mass intentions which have been scheduled have to be rescheduled due to Funerals.

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.

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,

200 Club – June 2024 Draw Winner

The July draw for the 200 Club took place last Sunday. The winning number was 96 the winner has been advised and will receive £200. If you are not a member of the 200 Club and wish to join, or would like more information before you decide, please contact Erica Thurbon
email: eathurbon@btinternet.com

School summer holiday free children's meals

There is a list of participating restaurants and cafes offering free or very cheap children's meals in the school summer holiday. Please go to the link to find out more and who is participating. <https://insidecroydon.com/2024/07/10/special-offers-school-summer-holidays-free-childrens-meals/>

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.

Sea Sunday.

The following Gospel meditation on today's Gospel Mark 6: 7-13 is from Stella Maris the chaplaincy for those working on the sea.

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus sent out the disciples in pairs, but they were to take almost nothing with them – so they had to rely on the providence of God on their travels - and the generosity of the people they would stay with on the journey. Those people would be strangers to them – but the disciples were reliant on those strangers' hospitality. This requires faith.

The teaching that God's love is present in welcoming strangers and neighbours is a strong belief of many cultures. The divine lives in each of us, and when we welcome each other, we welcome God, and Jesus, the Son of God.

According to Jesus' instructions, if people didn't welcome or listen to the disciples, they were to walk away, shaking the dust from under their feet. This gesture represents both cleansing and Jesus' displeasure at those who have rejected these strangers (his disciples) – we would surely not want that for ourselves.

When seafarers are in foreign ports, they often rely on the strangers who visit them to support them – to take them to the shops, to give them internet access, to take them to a Church for Mass or confession. Often, they don't even speak the local language, making things even harder.

Sea Sunday is the day our parishes pray for seafarers and fishers and support Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) - the Catholic charity that provides that welcome for seafarers in ports in this country and around the world. The chaplains and volunteers of Stella Maris listen to seafarers' stories, help to provide what they need, and answer Jesus's call to give hospitality to the stranger.

Our readings this week invite us to reflect on the wonder of being chosen to be part of God's plan. In the **First Reading**, we hear how Amos, a shepherd, responds to God's call to bear witness. Despite not being welcomed, he stands his ground, knowing that he has been given his mission by the Lord. The **Psalmist**, giving thanks for the blessings his people have received, rejoices in the peace, justice, mercy, faithfulness and prosperity that God gives to those who trust in him. In the **Second Reading**, St Paul explains to the Ephesians how we have always been a part of God's plan. Because of the grace and blessings showered upon us, we have been freed from our sins and become adopted children of God. Mark's **Gospel** relates how Jesus sends out his disciples to teach his message of love and forgiveness. Carrying nothing but a staff, they are to trust that they will find welcome and hospitality in many places, and stay undeterred by the rejection they will find elsewhere.

This week we pray for the wisdom and insight to recognise the call of the Lord in our own lives. However ill-equipped we might feel, we ask for the courage and strength to step out, safe in the knowledge that we are never alone, and that God will provide for us.

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Today's readings:

First Reading

AMOS 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

PSALM 84(85):9-14

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Second Reading

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining

that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel

MARK 6:7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.