

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

21st July 2024

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Clement Do Rosario RIP

Sunday 9am Intentions for the Moniz family

Sunday 11am Celebrants's intention.

Monday 10am Angela Whip RIP

Tuesday No Mass in church.

Wednesday 6.30pm Welfare of Dawn Shaw

Thursday 10am Evelyn Mary Bishop RIP

Friday 10am Micheal and Mary Bermingham RIP

Saturday Vigil 6pm Margaret Mansbridge RIP

Sunday 9am Errol Du Casse RIP

Sunday 11am Kevin O'Connor RIP

Life breakfast after 9am Mass.

Teas and biscuits will continue for the summer.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

St Mary Magdalene

St Bridget of Sweden.

St James the Great - Apostle

Saints Joachim and Anne

Confessions after Mass.

A warm welcome to Fr John Naughton who once again has travelled from Ireland to cover for Fr Peter's holiday. We thank him for returning to help us.

This weekend is the last newsletter before the summer break.

Mass intentions for the coming weeks are printed on the back of this newsletter. Where there are no intentions entered, requests can be made to Fr John and the offering given directly to him.

There will be no YouTube streaming after today until the end of August.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Claire Longworth, Riley Fitzgerald (age 5 yrs), 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,

The funeral Mass for Tony Bleach RIP will be on Wednesday 31st July at 11am. All parishioners are welcome. Tony and his wife Jean and their family have been part of St Aidan's for around fifty years.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

No Wed evening Mass that day.

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,

Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie Fernandez on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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.

The vital role grandparents play in a healthy society

Ahead of the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28 July, Bishop David Evans has spoken about the need for us to value the elderly and recognise the important contribution grandparents make to society.

"We might have a rather rosy idea of family life or of the life of older people," says Bishop Evans, our Lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life. "In fact, they have their difficulties and their burdens. We are able to recognise these, and to think about the social implications of their isolation. It's important we pray for them and recognise that they too are included in God's love for all."

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £463, Standing Orders £591,

Card reader £230

Total income: £1,284

of which £720 was gift-aided

Second collection: Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) £402

Thank you.

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

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Afternoon Tea

Friday 2nd August at 4pm in the church hall for a donation of £5.

To book a place, speak to Brenda Eydman after 9am Mass or telephone 01737 552610

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 21st
July 2024**

He came to bring the good news of peace

The shepherding care of God is a central theme of today's readings. This divine shepherding brings reconciliation and ends false separation.

Jeremiah (**First Reading**) shows great courage as he castigates the rulers of his day, describing them as corrupt, irresponsible shepherds. But he also foresees that God will raise up other shepherds with integrity, who will be true leaders of their people.

This prophesy is fulfilled in the **Gospel**, where Jesus sees the people as 'sheep without a shepherd'. His loving concern for them reveals him as the Good Shepherd, who offers food for hearts and souls and bodies. He also tends the tired apostles, inviting them to rest awhile, affirming a

balanced life that includes times of reflection and rest as well as activity.

Today's **Psalm** is the famous song of confidence and trust in the Lord as 'my shepherd': the God who is with his people in times of both challenge, and of rest and celebration.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) offers us the basis for a profound understanding of human interconnectedness and unity as children of the one creator. Christ Jesus brings all peoples together: he is the great unifier and peacemaker. This week, we pray for peace for innocent victims of war throughout our polarised world, and ask for the individual and collective courage and humility that leads to forgiveness and reconciliation. Let us also follow the invitation of Jesus when we can: '*Come ... rest for a while in my presence ...*'.

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Today's readings:

First Reading

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm PSALM 22(23)

*The Lord is my shepherd:
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second Reading EPHESIANS 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel

MARK 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Day	Date	Mass intentions. Where there is a blank a Mass intention may be requested. See Fr John.
Saturday	27/07/24	Margaret Mansbridge RIP
Sunday 9am	28/07/24	Errol duCasse RIP
Sunday 11am	28/07/24	Kevin O'Connor RIP
Monday	29/07/24	Intentions of Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown
Wed 11am	31/07/24	Funeral Mass Tony Bleach. No evening Mass
Thursday	01/08/24	Welfare of Lisa Otuko
Friday	02/08/24	
Saturday	03/08/24	
Sunday 9am	04/08/24	
Sunday 11am	04/08/24	Joanne & Darren Bernard-Hill RIP
Monday	05/08/24	
Tuesday 10am Feast TRANSFIGURATION	06/08/24	
Wednesday	07/08/24	Peter and Daphne Kavanagh (Foundation Mass)
Thursday	08/08/24	Anne Mooney RIP
Friday	09/08/24	
Saturday wedding 12.30pm	10/08/24	
Saturday 6pm	10/08/24	
Sunday 9am	11/08/24	
Sunday 11am	11/08/24	McKillop Family - living and deceased
Monday	12/08/24	
Assumption Vigil Wednesday 7.30pm	14/08/24	Ireland Family - living and deceased
Assumption Thursday 10am	15/08/24	
Friday	16/08/24	Tony O'Connor RIP
Saturday	17/08/24	Mary Bertha Seldon and relatives RIP
Sunday 9am	18/08/24	
Sunday 11am	18/08/24	Pam and Fred Angole - wedding anniversary
Monday	19/08/24	Pam Angole – birthday
Wednesday	21/08/24	No Mass
Thursday	22/08/24	
Friday	23/08/24	
Saturday	24/08/24	
Sunday 9am	24/08/24	
Sunday 11am	25/08/24	Intentions of Erin and Ashley McKillop
Monday	26/08/24	No Mass
Wednesday	28/08/24	
Thursday	29/08/24	
Friday	30/08/24	
Saturday	31/08/24	Jacquie Ward RIP
Sunday 9am	01/09/24	People of the parish
Sunday 11am	01/09/24	