

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

24th Sunday - Ordinary Time

15th September 2024

Home Mission Sunday - Evangelii Gaudium - the joy of the Gospel

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Christopher Palmer RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Intentions and welfare of Bernadette Gracias and family

Sunday 11am Thanksgiving for Victoria Chandler

Monday 10am No Mass in Church

Saints Cornelius (Pope) and Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs

Tuesday No Mass in church.

Wednesday 10am People of the parish.

**Please note... no Mass on Monday this week.
Mass on Wednesday is in the morning 10am**

Thursday 10am Marian Brady RIP

Friday 10am The Intentions of Marina Noronha *St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Ha-sang and Companions*

Exposition until 11am

Sat Vigil 6pm Michael Palmer RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Michael 'Dom' Hegarty

Sunday 11am Erin and Ashley McKillop's Intentions

**Life breakfast after 9am Mass
Bar open after 11am Mass.**

Second Collection TODAY: Home Mission Sunday - Evangelii Gaudium

Spreading the Gospel in our own country.

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with the resources to support "Home Mission," the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

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 and David Morling

Congratulations to Katy O'Leary and Jack Lonsdale on the occasion of their wedding.

They will be married here at St Aidan's next Saturday. We wish them God's blessing on their married life together.

Sacrament of Confirmation at St Aidan's 2025.

Year 9 pupils or older are now being invited to enrol for the preparation programme.

We need to have the Confirmation Mass earlier in the year in future as the summer term is so full with school trips, Duke of E and sports events, it has become very difficult. As we would not want Confirmations in Lent, it leaves the beginning of February as the best time. so we will need to begin soon.

The Confirmation preparation programme will begin in the church hall on Sunday evenings on Sunday 6th October. Half term and Christmas holidays come during the preparation period. **The application forms will be available from Fr Peter after Masses** today and for the next couple of weeks.

Mass attendance is an essential requirement for any prospective applicant.

The young person applying needs to request the form personally, NOT A PARENT.

The St Aidan's programme is not open to people from other parishes.

On the application form the applicants are asked to write a short account in handwriting saying why they wish to be confirmed.

Called to serve. *A reflection on Home Mission - proclaiming the Gospel where we live.*

An extract from cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday-24-reflection/ by Fr Jan Nowotnik

Pope Francis is inviting us to know the joy that we can feel when we enter a personal relationship with the Lord. Our desire to learn more about Jesus as we encounter him in the Scriptures and through our prayers provides us with the opportunity to experience the true joy of the Gospel and what it means to be a disciple. Pope Francis encourages us to live out the joy of the Gospel not only in our prayer and when we are in Church, but also by the way that we are called to serve each other especially the most vulnerable and those who feel themselves on the periphery of society.

Cardinal Nichols in the introduction to the recent synodal synthesis for England and Wales summarised it by saying that "we are called to continue the mission of Christ, to be the living presence of Christ's love, mercy and compassion in our world, proclaiming the truths about our humanity and our world as established by the Creator and fully expressed in Christ." He tells us that we can only achieve this "through a profound communion of life in Christ and by a release of our gifts and talents given by the Lord to all the baptised for this very purpose."

Essentially this is what it means to live out the joy of the Gospel, that our personal encounter with Jesus in personal prayer, in the sacraments and in our reading of the Scriptures helps us to discern the unique gift that we have received from the Lord and that we can put at his service and the service of the Church and of others. Having recognised our gifts and talents we can release them for service within the life of the Church, in this way building up the Body of Christ.

When we do this, we soon realise that we depend wholly on the Lord who shows us the true meaning of our lives and how to live in this world. The One we contemplate in prayer becomes the face of the other whom we serve in the world. The conversation of love in prayer helps us to put our gifts and talents at his service and so we become missionary disciples, or disciples of joy offering to each other the possibility of a profound relationship with the Lord.

Support each other to grow in faith

On *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* the bishops of England and Wales ask parishes to firstly pray for the work of evangelisation across our countries and to see ways in which Catholics within their parish settings may be more involved in this work. Much is already happening, and this may be through our catechesis programmes for the sacraments, or our courses which help those who are becoming Catholics to understand the teaching of the Church. Many are already involved in baptismal and marriage preparation and so this Sunday highlights the good work that goes on across our dioceses and parishes. It is also a moment for us to see if there is anything more that we could be doing to support each other to grow in a living faith.

**Saturday 5th October at 12 noon at St Aidan's.
Mass with Anointing of the Sick.**

All parishioners are encouraged to come.

The Mass will be followed by lunch and refreshments in the parish hall. All provided by the SVP and parishioners. To enable us to cater for the correct number of people it is very important to know who will be attending the lunch and refreshments. Would those who wish to attend the lunch please advise any member of the Parish SVP Society or Andrew Dunlop (Mob: 07910 971479. email: _ad2ad2@icloud.com) or Frank Conway (Mob: 07905 588659. email: FrankStroller@aol.com).

During the Mass there will be an opportunity for those present to receive the sacrament of Anointing, which is a sacrament of healing.

Several of the sick and housebound have been committed members of our parish, but due to their age and frailty they can no longer get to Church. The SVP plan to organise transport for those who need it. The invitation is not just to the 'sick and housebound'. It is a service involving the whole parish community. It would be great to have as many parishioners there as possible to welcome our sick or housebound brothers and sisters and to join them prayer.

There will be some hot food and drink in the Hall after Mass..

WHO CAN RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING ?

- **Those who have a serious health problem may receive the sacrament of Anointing.** It is not appropriate to receive this sacrament for minor ailments such as a passing cold. If in doubt you may ask the priest to help you decide.
- **This Sacrament may also be received by those who are elderly if the advancement of years is significantly affecting their quality of life.** This is considered by the Church to be a good reason for receiving the spiritual strength associated with the sacrament of Anointing.

The 'Anointing of the Sick' is one of the seven sacraments of the Church established by Our Lord. It is a sacrament of healing. The emphasis of this sacrament has changed somewhat in the past fifty years. Prior to that time the Sacrament had in practice become reserved for those who were dying. Hence it was called 'Extreme Unction' meaning: last anointing. In recent times this sacrament has been given a more central place in the life of the Church. The more ancient understanding of it being a ritual for healing is more emphasised. Anointing is now seen as something that strengthens and heals us in the course of our journey of life and not just at the moment of death.

GENERAL PRAYER FOR HEALING.

We are all in need of prayer for healing in body, mind, emotions, memories and spirit. For all those who are not being anointed there will be general prayers of healing during the Mass.

Yours in Christ,



PURLEY FOOD HUB are always very grateful for our donations. Please leave food items in church porch. No fruit or perishables please.

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Br Oliver or a Special Minister of Holy Communion.

When Exposition is concluded by Br Oliver he does not give a blessing with the host in the monstrance. Only a bishop, priest or deacon may do that. What Br Oliver does is what a special minister of Holy Communion may do. He says the prayers and then carries the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance to the tabernacle.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £613, Standing Orders £591,
Card reader £165

Total income: £1,369

of which £731 was gift-aided

**2nd Collection: Catholic
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Missals.

Last week we
recommended buying the
Collins missal for
individual use, especially
for readers. Please do not
buy them as they are not
the correct edition. New
missals with new
translation of the readings
will not be published until
November.
If you already ordered
from Amazon they can be
returned.

**Annual service for those that
have been harmed by abuse.**

The service will be held on
the **25th September 2024 at
6.30pm at St George's
Cathedral** and the service will be
led by **Archbishop John Wilson.**

The service is for Healing & Hope
for all those that have been harmed
by abuse, their families & friends.
It is also to recognise the work of
those that support survivors of
abuse.

Today's readings:**First Reading ISAIAH 50:5-9**

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made
no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my
back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those
who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my
help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too,
I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be
shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone
start proceedings against me? Then let us go to
court together. Who thinks he has a case against
me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to
my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm**PSALM 114(116):1-6,8-9**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord, my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Second Reading JAMES 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has
never done a single good act but claims that he has
faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers
or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not
enough food to live on, and one of you says to them,
'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat
plenty', without giving them these bare necessities
of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if
good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I
will prove to you that I have faith by showing you
my good deeds – now you prove to me that you
have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel MARK 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And
they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others
Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,'
he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and
said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them
strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man
was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by
the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and
to be put to death, and after three days to rise again;
and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him
aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But,
turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter
and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the
way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him
and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up his cross and
follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life
will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'