

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

23rd Sunday - Ordinary Time

8th September 2024

THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY.

TODAY 4pm - Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Margaret Almeida RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Eva Fernandez RIP.

Sunday 11am Deceased and living members of the Cecil & Hutton families.

Monday 10am Sylvester Anthony D'Souza RIP 1st Anniversary.

Tuesday No Mass in church.

Wednesday 6.30pm

Thursday 10am Santana Gomes RIP

Friday 10am Former staff and patients of Cane Hill Hospital **Exposition until 11am** *St John Chrysotom*

Saturday 10am **MASS OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.**

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

Sunday 9am Intentions and welfare of Bernadette Gracias and family

Sunday 11am Thanksgiving for Victoria Chandler

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

NEXT WEEKEND 2nd collection

Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of state schools. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

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, David Morling and all who are sick.

NEXT WEEK: 2nd collection: Home Mission Sunday - Spreading the Gospel in the UK.

This weekend we welcome Br Oliver, a seminary student, spending a pastoral year at St Aidan's as part of his journey to priesthood.

Message from Oliver de los Reyes Abasolo.

I am originally from the Philippines. Before I pursued my priestly formation, I worked for the NHS for 20 years as a nurse in different intensive care units in Southwest London. I have done my theological studies this year at the Pontificio Collegio Beda in Rome and have completed four years of formation for priesthood. I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to my pastoral placement for a year at St Aidan's parish, where I will be able to serve and support the daily parish life with its various ministries. This will be a great avenue for an enriching and fruitful journey in my priestly formation.

I have a great love of Our Lady and the daily Rosary has always been a special devotion of mine and to her Immaculate Heart. She has been instrumental in my 'YES' to God's invitation, imitating her unwavering and total 'fiat', her 'yes' to God. I am grateful to Fr. Peter and all the parishioners for all your loving support in accepting me at St Aidan's. May the good Lord, who has called me first, sustain me with His loving grace.

Many thanks !

Oliver

St Vincent de Paul - SVP - Annual National Raffle 2024

Members of St. Aidan's SVP Conference will be selling tickets after Masses this weekend and next. The National Raffle is the biggest annual fundraising event of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Every year your support helps the Society continue its work with people facing isolation, loneliness and a daily struggle with poverty in communities throughout England and Wales. This year the prizes are: 1st prize £5000, 2nd prize £1,000 plus 15 additional prizes of £100. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for book of 5 tickets and the draw will take place on 26th September 2024. Thank you once again for your generous support.

St Aidan's Listening Group

The St Aidan's listening group will be meeting at 10:30am in the Marian room on Friday 13th September. This group is open to anyone who has experienced loss to join.

Please email listeningtoyou.staidans@gmail.com or phone the parish office 020 8660 2452 should you wish to learn more.

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, 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.

Thank you very much for the Mission Appeal collection on 24 /25 August for the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers). The total was £496.

Annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse.

The service will be held on the **25th September 2024 at 6.30pm @ 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. At the end of the service, everyone will be invited to tie a ribbon to our "LoudFence" as a sign of solidarity, care & hope for survivors & as a memorial for those that have been lost to abuse. There will be light refreshments afterwards and a place for anyone who wishes to, to talk to the safeguarding team. Venue - St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY.

Signing in at Mass for school references recommences today.. Will you be requesting a priest's reference accompanying an application for a Catholic school this autumn ? If so, please write your child's name and sign in the place indicated on the clipboard provided in the church porch. There are separate sheets for primary and secondary schools.

Mass and the sacrament of Anointing for the sick and elderly including some housebound will be on Saturday 5th October at 12 noon followed by lunch in the Hall. More details in weeks to come.

New Lectionary beginning on the first Sunday of Advent 2024.

The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter (the psalms).


The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in the liturgical setting that is more suited to public proclamation and, where appropriate, more inclusive. Text is set in sense lines for ease of reading and hearing.

Those who use Sunday and weekday Mass missals will need new ones for the readings. The Collins editions are already available via Amazon @ £14.75 and £22.65 respectively, with free postage. We will also get some for sale in the church shop in due course. A Missal is essential for all Ministers of the word who read at Mass.

The UNIVERSALIS app has the new translation already inserted from 1st Sunday of Advent onward. It can be viewed now by going to any date from 1st December. The 'sense lines' format, for easier public reading, can be selected in the menu.

The four church volumes listed below will cost £173 each. Exquisitely bound in padded leather, and adorned with gold-blocking, gilded edges and multiple ribbon markers, these volumes are both sturdy and worthy for the proclamation of the Word of God.

If individual parishioners would like to buy one of the set for the church it is possible for their name to be inserted inside the cover. See sample label on the right, (the actual size is bigger).

PRESENTED TO
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FR Pelas



IN FOUR VOLUMES

I

Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord.

II

Weekdays: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time (weeks 1-9), Lent, Easter. Proper of Saints: December – June, Commons.

III

Weekdays: Ordinary Time (6-34). Proper of Saints: June – November, Commons.

IV

Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £522,
Standing Orders £591,
Card reader £80

Total income: £1,198
of which £662 was
gift-aided

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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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.

Today's readings:

First Reading ISAIAH 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm PSALM 145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading JAMES 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus

Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel MARK 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'