

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

29th Sunday - Ordinary Time

20th October 2024

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Francis & Mary Winifred Bede-Cox **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Sharon Matthews RIP **4pm Rosary and Exposition.**

Sunday 11am People of the parish

Monday 10am Fr Cyril Hastings RIP

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 6.30pm William Samson Bishop RIP

Thursday 10am Edward Wilkins RIP

Friday 11am Funeral Mass Anne Walker RIP **NO 10am MASS.**

Sat Vigil 6pm People of the parish **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Thanksgiving for Jude Stockermans

Sunday 11am Intentions of Rose (Kelly) Tuck

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

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

There will be Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Sundays of October at 4pm.

Today's Second collection. World Missions.

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to share our faith in Jesus so that all may experience God's love. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. World Mission Sunday is one of the collections that has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world via Missio.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Sue Henriot, Claire Longworth, Riley Fitzgerald (age 5 yrs), Kevin Leavey, Jean Bleach, Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman, Eileen Darville, 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

Anne Walker RIP.

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of one of our parishioners Anne Walker, mother of Sarah Ryan and Helen Cross, on her 87th birthday. The funeral Mass is here on Friday 25th October at 11am. We give thanks for her life and her faith.

This Sunday we welcome the pilgrims from our HCPT Lourdes group to the 11am Mass. Followed by a meal in the hall.

The chaplain, Fr Ed Hone, will be the celebrant for that Mass.

Secondary school priest's references.

Fr Peter will be available in the Parish House, 1 Portnalls Rd., CR5 3DD, at the following times and dates to sign secondary school priest's references. No appointment necessary.

Mon 21 Oct. 7.30 - 8pm;

Thurs 24 Oct. 3 - 3.45pm;

Primary school references will be done in November.

Weekly Mass in Croydon University Hospital

There is Mass every **Wednesday** at 12pm in Croydon University Hospital Chapel. All are most welcome.

WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS

In order to apply for PENSION CREDIT to be eligible for WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS there are 2 advice sessions at the Labour Party HQ on Wed 23 Oct and Sat 26 Oct from 10.30-12.30 at 164 Brighton Road Coulsdon CR5 2NE. This is open to all, REGARDLESS of political views !

Afternoon Tea

Friday 1st November at 3pm in the church Hall for a donation of £5.00.

If you would like to book a place please contact Brenda Eydman after 9am Mass or telephone 01737 552610. Please note the change of time due to the clocks going back for winter time.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT?

Do you feel alone? Are you constantly frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille may be for you. Its programme has helped hundreds of couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme starting with a residential weekend from November 8-10 call 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

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,

Taskforce is taking place next Saturday 26 October, 10am - 12 noon.

Please come and do some jobs around the church and grounds. Many thanks.

Holy Souls.

During the month of November there will be a Book placed in our Church with the names of departed loved ones that you have submitted. Throughout the month a Mass will be celebrated every week and on all Souls Day for all the names in the book. Please place your list of departed loved ones in the box provided in the centre aisle of the Church.

FAQ.

If people submitted a list in previous years do they need to do a new one each year ?

YES. Composing your list of departed loved ones is part of your prayer for them and a way of bringing them to the Eucharist which is always offered for the living and the dead

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2024.

Many people need to make early arrangements with family and friends for Christmas day. With that in mind we are publishing the times of Christmas Masses. There is one important change to note for this year. There is going to be only one Mass on Christmas morning at 10am.

The 6pm Vigil Mass is always full; the 11.30pm Midnight Mass is about 65% full. The numbers for the 9am and 11am morning Masses would fit into one Mass, hence the new Mass time of 10am.

Full schedule is:

6pm Vigil Mass

11am Carols and readings followed by

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas morning: 10am Mass

PURLEY FOOD HUB are always very grateful for our donations. Please leave food items in church porch.

Cartons of long life whole full fat milk, tinned meat meals: meat balls, mince, stew, boxes/packets of dried potato, tinned plain meat: corned beef, ham, chicken, tinned vegetarian meals, small bottles of fruit squash, tinned tomatoes, tins of fruit & rice pudding, packet/tinned custard, toilet rolls.

St Aidan's parish Coulsdon are hosting a retreat day for Readers & Special Ministers of Holy Communion in the Croydon Deanery on Saturday 30th November 2024. 10am - 3.30pm

The day includes a presentation by Canon Gerard Bradley on the new Lectionary translation. There will be a session on guided prayer using a Gospel meditation with Trudy Kilkullen. Fr Peter will start the day with a talk about the Word of God in our lives.

Venue: St Aidan's Church Hall - Coulsdon, Chipstead Valley Road, CR5 3DD

Please bring a packed lunch, hot drinks provided.

Parking available – please register your car to avoid a parking penalty.

No need to book. Please see church noticeboard for the full programme.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

6th October - Cash £490, Standing Orders £591, Card reader £201 Total income: £1,282 of which £753 was gift-aided

13th October - Cash £490, Standing Orders £591, Card reader £197 **Total income:** £1,278 of which £733 was gift-aided

2nd Collection: CAFOD £796

Thank you.

Please consider making a standing order for your offertory contributions. Contact the GA coordinator Clive Fernandes to get the details.

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St Aidan's Catholic Primary School Open Days

As a small one form entry school.

Dates for the open days this year are:

- Friday 25th October 2024 at 9.30am
- Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 9.30am
- Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 9.30am
- Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 2.00pm
- Friday 10th January 2025 at 9.30am

WINTER BALL

Save the Date! Winter Ball 7th December 2024.

More information and tickets on sale soon.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CONTACTS.

If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

You should ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic chaplain. You can also phone chaplains directly, - see contacts.

Data protection laws prohibit hospital staff from taking the initiative of letting a chaplain know your religion. The request to ward staff **MUST** come explicitly from the patient, family member or a friend. This is the law for data protection.

Croydon University Hospital:

Sr Sheila with support of local clergy and laity.
The chaplaincy 020 8401 3105 .

St Helier and Epsom Hospitals:

Fr Philip Pak 020 8296 2000

East Surrey Hospital: Fr Alban Aguezeala

01293 431703 Horley parish.

St George's Hospital: Fr Peter Littleton

020 8725 3069 or 020 8672 1255

There is always a priest on call for emergencies. Best to ask the ward staff because the hospital switchboard will have an emergency contact number for the duty priest. Your local parish will not have that number as it changes depending on the duty priest.

SVP National Raffle Result

Unfortunately there were no winners from St Aidan's parish but there was one winning ticket sold at St Mary's in Old Coulsdon. However, the Raffle raised over £80,000 for the Society.

Thank you once again for your generous support.

Today's readings remind us that God has chosen us all as his own. They also highlight the importance of our humble faith and trust in God, who calls us to 'joyfully take courage' in the world.

The **First Reading** recalls the night of the Passover, when the Jewish slaves put their trust in God and escaped the oppression of Pharaoh.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus teaches that while the Kingdom of God has, in one sense, already arrived, in another it is still to come: it is both a gift and a challenge to us. It is therefore vital that we are awake to meet the Master whenever he returns, committing our hearts to the unfailing treasures of his kingdom.

The **Second Reading** meditates on the history of Israel, inviting us to imitate people like Abraham and Sarah as models of faith. Faith is the virtue that enables us to keep watching and waiting for the Lord's presence in the ups and downs of our daily lives.

The **Psalmist** celebrates all peoples: women and men who are chosen by the Lord, and in turn, place their trust and hope in him.

Perhaps this week we might take our prayer from today's theme:
*Father, please deepen our trust in you,
so we may live joyfully and with courage.*

We also continue to pray for peace across the world.

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Today's readings:

First Reading ISAIAH 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading HEBREWS 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we

have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel MARK 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'