

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year B

30th Sunday - Ordinary Time

27th October 2024

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

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

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

Sunday 9am Thanksgiving for Jude Stockermans **4pm Rosary and Exposition**

Sunday 11am Intentions of Rose (Kelly) Tuck

Monday 10am Maria Lia Irving RIP *Saints Simon and Jude* **Confessions after Mass.**

Tuesday No public Mass

Wednesday 6.30pm Canon Michael Cooley RIP

Thursday 10am - 10.30am Rosary & Exposition followed by Tea & Coffee in Marian room.

Thursday 7.30pm ALL SAINTS VIGIL MASS People of the parish

ALL SAINTS DAY Friday 10am Miguel Farina and Dorinda Farina RIP

ALL SOULS DAY MASS Sat 10am

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

Sunday 9am Sharon Matthews RIP

Sunday 11am

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

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

Second Collection Next Weekend is for LEPR.

Please see P 3 for more details of the work of the charity combatting leprosy.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil Mass

11pm Carols and readings followed by

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas morning: 10am Mass.

READERS please collect your leaflet entitled 'The New Translation of the Lectionary Explained'. Take the one with your name on it from the table nearest the shop.

Weekly Mass in Croydon University Hospital

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

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.

St Aidans Listening Group

They will be meeting at 10.30am in the Marian room on Friday, 8th November. This group is open for anyone to join who has experienced loss of any kind.

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

SANDWICHES FOR NIGHTWATCH:

Many thanks to parishioners for the wonderful response to the appeal for sandwich makers and drivers for the Nightwatch food distribution to the homeless. Volunteers should all receive their rota this weekend. If you have not received it please contact Leonie Wilding - 07910 059141 leonie@thewildings.eclipse.co.uk

WINTER BALL

Save the Date! Winter Ball 7th December 2024. More information and tickets on sale soon.

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.

WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE.

Croydon Refugee Centre are always grateful for our donations. Current needs: warm clothing, hats/gloves/scarves, especially winter coats and waterproof shoes/trainers & umbrellas, good quality shoes/trainers especially teenager's size, soap, shampoo, conditioner, women's deodorant, razors, washing up liquid, washing capsules, j-cloths,

All Saints.

Friday 1st November is 'All Saints Day'.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation which means Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Masses begin on the evening before with the Vigil Mass 7.30pm and on Friday morning at 10am.

On All Saints Day we honour all those who have reached the fullness of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. It reminds us that the 'Communion of Saints' consists not only of canonised saints but of all those who are now united with God our Father through the redeeming love of Christ, in whose risen glory they share. These include members of our family and those we have known. A 'day of obligation' means that it is a day we should attend Mass.

'All Souls Day'

Saturday 2nd November is the Commemoration of the Souls of the Faithful Departed.

Mass for 'All Souls' is at 10.00am.

On this day and throughout the month of November the Church prays especially for the Souls in Purgatory. In doing so we are praying that those who have died may be purified of the effects of sin and so enter the fullness of eternal life. This is the purification that we call Purgatory.

Traditionally, the purification is symbolised by fire. It is unfortunate that this symbolism has often been misrepresented as God inflicting pain. The authentic meaning of the symbol of fire is to be found in the context of the fire of God's love which purifies.

Holy Souls Book.

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.

It is fine to save lists on a computer file. They can be added to each year before printing for the church book.

Christian Christmas cards are now available in the church shop.

They are sold in packs of tens and twenties.

Sending a Christian card at Christmas is a simple but meaningful way of witnessing to our Christian faith and the wonderful message of Christmas which is proclaimed in the Gospels.

Next weekend's second collection at Masses is for LEPROA, a charity combatting leprosy and associated diseases in the developing world. For their website go to **lepra.org.uk**

LEPROA is a charitable organisation combatting Leprosy.

Leprosy is not a disease of the past. It still exists but it is curable. It is caused by a type of bacteria called Mycobacterium leprae and can affect the skin, the peripheral nerves, mucosa of the upper respiratory tract, and the eyes. According to the WHO, it is a 'neglected tropical disease' (NTD) which still occurs in more than 120 countries, with more than 200 000 new cases reported every year. If left untreated, leprosy can cause disabilities.

We work in partnership with people affected by leprosy to: Improve early detection
Our healthcare workers carry out active case finding (door-to-door engagement) to identify people with early symptoms and refer for treatment as soon as possible;

Lepra ensures access to treatment and care. After diagnosis, we ensure people affected have access to multidrug therapy and are supported throughout their recovery.

We promote inclusion and wellbeing. By educating communities on symptoms and dispelling myths surrounding leprosy, prejudice is lessened and people affected are more likely to be accepted by family and neighbours.

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.

**St Aidan's Catholic Primary School, Coulsdon.
Vacancy for Class Teacher.**

Part-time or Full-time

Year 2 for January 2025, Applications welcome.

You can apply for this position by completing an application form that you can download from our website:

<https://www.staidansschool.co.uk/vacancies/>
or if you would like an initial confidential conversation with the Executive Head Teacher, Mark Hannon, please email:
head@st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk
or phone- 07763 142903.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME

Cash £475, Standing Orders £591,
Card reader £198 **Total income:** £1,278
of which £754 was gift-aided

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday £594

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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Today's readings.© *StBeunosOutreach*

Our Scripture today invites us to worship Christ Jesus, who opens our eyes to the marvels that he has done for us as our high priest, and reveals to us the Father. The readings also assure us that our God never abandons us, even in our bondage.

First Reading. - Using tender, compassionate imagery, Jeremiah addresses the exiled people of Israel with a poem of restoration. He promises that God will bring them home again: they will be restored to their own land, and God's loving purpose will again be triumphant.

The account of the miracle in the **Gospel** reveals another type of restoration: the restoration of sight to Bartimaeus, the blind beggar at the roadside who cries out to Jesus in desperation. Not only is

Bartimaeus healed and his sight restored, but he also models discipleship by following Jesus without hesitation.

In the **Second Reading** from Hebrews, the theme of restoration appears again: Christ Jesus is our compassionate high priest who restores us as daughters and sons of God.

The **Psalm** is a pilgrim song of hope and joy, reminding us of God's goodness in the past and his ongoing deliverance of his people.

This week, we pray for the eyes of our heart and mind to be opened, so that we might receive the life-giving revelations and blessings of Jesus. We also pray for all who are living lives of bondage and slavery in our world today, and seek God's guidance as to how we can help.

Today's readings:**First Reading JEREMIAH 31:7-9**

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm PSALM 125(126)

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading HEBREWS 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.*

Gospel MARK 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.