

# NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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**Year C**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**5th January 2025**

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

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Sean O'Reilly RIP

**Sunday 9am** David Redcliffe RIP.

**Sunday 11am** Celebrant's intention.

**Monday 10am** Mary Nellie Jean Morgan (Foundation)

**Thursday 10am** Norma Cordell RIP

**Friday 10am** Eddie Moniz RIP **Exposition until 11am**

**Vigil 6pm** Rosana Rodrigues RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

**Sunday 9am** Gemma Devonish RIP.

**Sunday 11am** Welfare of Giammaria Di Santo

**NO Life breakfast after 9am Mass**  
**Bar open after 11am Mass.**

**Wednesday evening Masses**  
will not resume until 22nd  
January as the funeral Mass for  
Derrick Phillips is Wednesday  
15th. at 12 noon.

**Thank you to Fr Gus, Canon Jim and Fr Kevan**  
**for helping us with Masses while Fr Peter is on his**  
**break until Thursday.**

**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,  
Coral Hind, Christi Cox, Freda Blade, David Morling  
and all who are sick.

**THIS week's second collection :**  
**Catholic Children's Society (CCS) - Crisis Fund.**

We do not have a collection basket near our crib at St Aidan's for 'crib offerings'. Instead we will have a second collection next weekend. CCS Crisis Fund provides immediate financial support for families facing a crisis in their lives. This support can make a huge difference to families in desperate situations when they have nowhere else to turn. See website for more information:

<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/>

**The next meeting of the parish SVP group will take place on the evening of Monday 6th Jan 2025 at 8:15pm in the Marian Room**

*As many people were away visiting family and friends last weekend we repeat Fr Peter's note of thanks which was in last week's newsletter.*

Thank you to everyone who gave me cards and gifts this Christmas as well as your generous Christmas offerings. A combined figure for Christmas and Easter offerings is published in the annual accounts which the treasurer makes available in the spring. Deacon Tony and Br Oliver also wish to convey their gratitude to you for your generosity and kindness to them.

My thanks to the parishioners who gave of their time and worked hard to prepare the church and the liturgies for Christmas. Thank you to Brenda and Muriel for the flower arrangements and decorations. Many other parishioners played their part in the preparations including erecting the Christmas tree and the crib. Thank you to our choir and music leaders, singers and musicians. I thank our readers and ministers of Holy Communion for all they have done over Christmas and throughout the year. The lay ministry to the housebound is an important part of our parish life. Thanks to the servers who came to the Christmas Masses and to the welcomers. Sacristans, money counters, collectors and church cleaners are an essential part of every parish even though their help often goes unnoticed. Thank you to the volunteers involved in the parish admin tasks in the office. Before Christmas the volunteers in the shop ensured that the Christmas cards, etc. were well promoted.

There are so many people who give of their time and talents to our parish. Recently I listed approximately 125 individual names of people who volunteer in one way or another at St Aidan's. Ultimately, it is the Lord we serve in his people and He who sees all that you do will reward you. (Mt 6:4)

With my thanks, prayers and every blessing for the coming year.

FR Peter

### **First reading**

### **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
Lift up your eyes all round, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 72(71) Ref. 11**

*All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate  
before you, O Lord.*

### **Second reading Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy

Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

### **Gospel**

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' '

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.