

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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5th Sunday ~ Ordinary Time

9th February 2025

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.**

Sunday 9am Lesley Susie King (Née Du Casse) RIP

Sunday 11am Terry Kennedy RIP

NO MASS HERE ON MONDAY. Tuesday 10am Dave O'Donoghue RIP *Our Lady of Lourdes*

Wednesday 6.30pm Intention of the Moniz Family

Thursday 10am Beryl Wilks RIP

Friday 10am Ian Scott RIP **Exposition until 11am** *St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop*

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

Sunday 9am Philip O'Donnell RIP **Sunday 11am** Chris Ridgers RIP

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

Fr Peter is unable to say Mass here on Monday but there will be a Mass on Tuesday at 10am.

Pope's intention for February.

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

That the Church might welcome the desires and doubts of those who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Sold out but new stock will be available from next weekend.

Sunday Missals with the new translation of the readings. Church shop - £15

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Angela Lambert, Jean Bell, Barbara Wood, 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, Freda Blade, Christi Cox, David Morling and all who are sick.

If you know of anyone who should be on our parish sick list or needs Holy Communion at home please let Fr Peter know.

This year, thank God, we have adults and families preparing for the sacraments of initiation in our parish.

Rose Page preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion with her three children Stanley (11), Albert (6), Iris (3). Rose and her children will have the rite of acceptance into the parish this Saturday at Mass.

Klodiana Myftari, preparing for Baptism with her baby.

Alali Dorencamp and Kivia Da Silva preparing for Confirmation.

Chibuye Ngwisha received Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Friday.

"May the Lord who called them to this journey bring it to fulfillment"

Volunteers needed to act as Fire Wardens.

Job description: *Before mass check emergency exits are clear of obstructions. Remain vigilant throughout the service. In the event of a fire related incident raise the alarm as appropriate. Go to a microphone to speak.*

The Premises Team have identified the need for a pool of volunteers to act as Fire Wardens during Mass. No previous experience is necessary, full training will be given. It is hoped that with a group of parishioners we could establish a rota similar to other ministries.

If you are interested in helping the parish in this way please email the Premises Team staidanspremisesteam@gmail.com

The annual social committee AGM will take place on 9th March at 12.30pm in the hall. All members should make every effort to attend.

The social committee is a vital part of Parish life and needs your support. We are actively recruiting new members and I'm happy to speak to anyone who has any questions about what being part of the social committee entails, email me jennylehane@aol.com Remember 'Many hands make light work'.

It is a statutory requirement to have a social committee in accordance with the constitution in order for the bar to be opened. That is a condition of the bar license.

The 200 Club update -142 Live numbers in the draw.

Each Year our "200 Club" can raise over £1000 for our church!

The 200 Club is now coordinated by Sarah Martin-Loat. Thank you to Erica Thurbon for taking such good care of the fund this past year.

We are refreshing the administration of the club - so please take a form to complete and return to the box in the foyer; or just email the details to: StAidans200Club@gmail.com Email is preferred as we can let you know exciting news such as if you have won, or to confirm your number!

The February Draw is being delayed by one week as some subscriptions are showing correctly or incorrectly overdue. Any numbers outstanding after the 14 February 2025 will be removed. Going forwards all subscriptions will be due on the 1st March.

The available numbers now are: 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 34, 36, 48, 52, 54, 56, 62, 63, 70, 79, 80, 86, 89, 90, 94, 102, 103, 109, 110, 112, 114, 117, 118, 127, 133, 135, 136, 138, 150, 151, 152, 156, 159, 161, 163, 168, 170, 172, 173, 174, 178, 183, 184, 185, 187, 188, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 198.

RED MISSIO Boxes. There are many boxes which Brenda Eydman has been unable to return as there was no name on them when they were handed in. They are now on the tables at the back of the church. If you did not receive yours back, please take any one of them and immediately write your name and phone number on the label so that next time it can be returned to you. Red boxes are for your loose change. When it is fairly full you bring it in for counting and it is returned to you afterwards. All proceeds go to the Catholic foreign missions, spreading the Gospel.



St Richard Reynolds Catholic College Vacancies

The college is currently looking for:

- Teacher of Religious Education
- Teacher of French
- Teacher of PE (Girls)
- Part-time Art Technician

For more information, view our website <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

Please contact recruitment@srcc.org.uk

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Anyone travelling to Italy soon ? Please let Fr Peter know. Small envelope package to be posted.

SDC Bible Study Group.

Our meetings take place online on ZOOM every Friday evening at 7.30pm. Once a month we also meet in person at the SDC House at 38 Ryefield Road, Upper Norwood. SE19 3QU.

For information email sdcreetings@gmail.com

For the meeting go to ZOOM Website at pwa.zoom.us/jc ZOOM ID: 4454292726

Parish safeguarding date for your diary NEW date is Saturday 8 March.

If you have a DBS for voluntary work in our parish, the Southwark diocesan Safeguarding team have introduced a compulsory training which consists of viewing a video entitled 'Level 3 Safeguarding for Volunteers in the Catholic Church' This requirement is in line with what other organisations have to do.

We will be holding an open morning on Sat 8th March 2025 to show the video and start DBS rechecks. We will start at 10am with coffee and registration; we will then confirm all the attendees to Southwark. If you're unable to attend please let one of the parish safeguarding reps know so we can make alternative arrangements for you to complete the training. As part of Southwark's safeguarding policy, all active volunteers with a DBS, are expected to be rechecked every 3 years. (Even if you're on the update ser vice.) This is essential to ensure you are able to continue in your current role uninterrupted.

If your DBS is due to be renewed you will receive an email from one of the parish reps in the next few weeks to get this started, coulsdong1@safeguardraos.org.uk or coulsdong3@safeguardraos.org.uk You will have an opportunity to start your recheck on the 1st February. If you have any questions please speak one of the safeguarding representatives - Bridget Hanlon (sg1) or Alexandra Collins (sg3) or to Fr Peter.

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, small (500ml or less) used bottles which can be filled with shampoo, bowls and spoons.

**Bishop's message for Marriage Week.
7th - 14th February.**

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>

As we mark National Marriage Week 2025, think about the huge importance of marriage in our lives and society. In a world that can be confusing and divided, hope shines brightly especially in this Jubilee Year. And the hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness, showing us the endless love that God has for all of us.

For Christians, marriage isn't just a legal agreement, it's a special promise between husband and wife, like the covenant between God and humanity. And God's promises are always fruitful. Pope Benedict XVI once said, 'Marriage is a way to save ourselves and our society', because marriage is a source of hope, strength, and new beginnings for everyone involved.

In this way, marriage is a big act of faith and love, giving us the courage to take part in God's amazing creation – a journey of unconditional love, just like God's love. When two people get married, they promise to take care of each other, grow together in faith, and create a home where love, respect, and understanding are the rules. We're made to love, just as God loves us, and this love isn't just for one person, it's for everyone around us.

National Marriage Week is a time for all of us to think about this special sacrament and how it can change lives. It's a chance for married couples to strengthen their bond by being kind to each other, talking openly, and sharing experiences. And for all of us, as we celebrate the beauty of marriage this week, let's make sure that we support and encourage couples in their journey. We can offer our contribution towards a culture that respects and values marriage, knowing that it's the foundation for a happy and healthy society.

For people who are getting married or supporting others on their journey, may this National Marriage Week inspire us all to embrace the hope that marriage brings, not just for ourselves, but for future generations.

Bishop Bosco MacDonald

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

Jars of Honey • Jars of Meat and Fish Paste • Boxes/Packets of Tea Bags • Drinking Chocolate requiring only hot water • Cartons of Long Life Full Fat Milk • Tinned Meat Meals - but not hotdogs thank you! • Tins of Corned Beef • Vegetarian Meals • Tinned Tomatoes • Shampoo

Today's readings:

First reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.'

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138(137):

*In the presence of the angels I praise you,
O Lord.*

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
'How great is the glory of the LORD!'

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received,

in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.