

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



The Pope's flag.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

11th May 2025

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Margaret O'Brian RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Dave O'Donoghue RIP

Sunday 11am 1st Holy Communions. Welfare of Maria and Juliette Angole

Monday 10am Mario Menezes RIP

Tuesday No Mass here

Wednesday 7pm Requiem Mass for Jesús Alberto León RIP. (Venezuela) *St Matthias*

Thursday No Mass here due to a priest's funeral at which Fr Peter is preaching. Canon Leo Mooney RIP.

Friday 10am People of the parish **Exposition until 11am.** *St Simon Stock*

Vigil 6pm Florence Horrigan RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Michelle Gent RIP **11am 1st Holy Communions** Liam Bowen RIP **4pm** Rosary & Exposition.

Life breakfast today.
Bar open after 11am Mass.

THIS WEEKEND

Second Collection: Priests' Training Fund.

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. We are blessed to have nine men in formation for our Archdiocese. It costs £30,000 per year to sponsor each seminarian, so the Archdiocese relies on your support and prayers.

It has been a great joy for us to have had Deacon Stephen and Br Oliver doing their pastoral year in our parish. Br Oliver will move to Alan Hall Seminary London for two more years formation from this September.



**May
God
bless
Pope
Leo XIV**

Prayer for a new Pope.

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles. Look with favour, we pray, on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Roman Missal.

Good wishes from our friends at OCC.

On behalf of everyone at Old Coulsdon Congregational, I send our love, prayers & joy to you on the election of Pope Leo XIV as Holy Father.

We share the joy of those in St Peter's Square & around the world. Let there be Love and Peace shared among us.

Grace & Peace.

Rev Malcolm

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Marina Dormer, Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown, Angela Lambert, Barbara Wood, Claire Longworth, Riley Fitzgerald (age 5 yrs), Kevin Leavey, Jean Bleach, Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman, Eileen Darville, Pat Kelly, Marion McCluskey, 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.

The month of May in Catholic tradition is dedicated to Mary, Mother of Christ and spiritual mother of us all.

There will be Rosary and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm every Sunday in May .

Devotion to Mary is an important part of our spiritual lives as Catholics. Praying to Mary is of course not the same as offering prayer to God. When we pray to Mary we are not worshipping her we are asking her help as a loving Mother in the Christian family.

A bit of a muddle ! The diocese provides GA envelopes for 2nd collections which have the name of collections and dates on them. The dates for Cathedral Maintenance and Priests' training fund collections are not correct on the envelopes. We will sort anything that is put in the baskets.

We pray for the children of our parish who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th May at 11am Mass.

Sunday 11th May

Novah O'Reilly-Stephenson

Veronica Coni

Isabella Whittaker

Verity Ginman

George Gjondrekaj

Gabrielle Newman

Isabella Guidi

Charlotte Maxwell-Fidler

Bailey Ezeokoli

Jacob Harber

Olivia Harber

Aren Onwuejeogwu

Jasmine Downing

Emily Salle Gouveia

Edwina Antwi

Sunday 18th May

Florence Dorenkamp

Joshua Fernandez

Anna Ferguson

Gabriella McPherson

Oliver McIntyre

Celina Lukjaniuk

Ebubechukwu Samuel Iheji

Somunachiso Katriel Iheji

James Ransom

Isaac Chiu Hang Lam

Jayce Johnson

Lydia Kuforiji

Stanley Page (27 April with Baptism)

Deacon Stephen Trafford - Ordination as Priest.

It has been confirmed that Stephen Trafford (who did several pastoral placements at St Aidan's), will be ordained a priest on Saturday 19th July at 12:30pm in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. All are very welcome to attend the Mass and the reception afterwards (no need to confirm attendance). It will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

Stephen will come to St Aidan's and celebrate the 11am Mass on Sunday 24th August.

New stock in shop.

Rosaries including some for 1st Holy Communion gifts.

Children's Mass books, £5, suitable for primary school age including 1st holy Communion children.
Some children's bibles £10

Crucifixes ... various.

St George's Cathedral

The National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fátima with the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco ... will be visiting St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday & Sunday, 17-18 May 2025. It will start at 12 noon on Saturday. Archbishop John Wilson will receive, crown, and bless the Pilgrim Statue and will celebrate the Holy Mass.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME. Cash £565, Standing Orders £591, Card reader £302
Total income: £1,458 of which £762 was gift-aided.

CAFOD Myanmar earthquake appeal at two occasions:

Club Raffle: £190; Good Friday teas: £117

Thank you.

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

Proposal concerning the location of the Blessed Sacrament and new tabernacle at St Aidan's.

See clarifications below.

On Wednesday 30 April we had a parish meeting which consisted of a talk and discussion in church regarding the location of the Blessed Sacrament in St Aidan's. Thank you to all those who attended. There was a good level of discussion and sharing with opinions expressed from the head and from the heart.

A recording of this meeting is available on our parish YouTube channel: *St Aidans Coulsdon*. Look for the video entitled 'TABERNACLE talk and discussion Wed 30 April'.

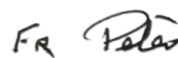
As from last week all parishioners are asked to express their view by placing a note in one of the red post boxes on the tables at the back of the church. The post boxes will be there until next weekend.

If you have not yet read the proposal and the newsletter notices concerning the tabernacle please take a copy of my notes which have been left next to the post boxes. The notes from Fr Julien's talk are also available in the same place.

You can write your view and place it in the box or you can simply write YES or NO on the paper provided. You are invited to write your name but it is not compulsory. Names will not be shared with others even if your view is shared. You may also send your reply to the parish email address but please write **Tabernacle** in the subject line. couldon@rcaos.org.uk

The mock up of the proposed location and tabernacle is back on the sanctuary in the apse area. It is there just to show size and perspective.

Yours in the Risen Lord,



Some points about the process:

- This consultation is not a vote. It is a way of gauging the views of the people of the parish in response to Fr Peter's proposal.
- A request will be made by Fr Peter in consultation with PPC to the Archbishop if there is a clear outcome in favour of change.
- Fr Peter will look at the contents of the post boxes, emails and everything said and discussed. He will remove people's names before sharing the replies with the PPC and wider.
- Teenagers can give their view but younger children need to be included with a parent's response.

Reflection on today's Gospel. Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB.

The figure of the Good Shepherd is the nearest approach to a parable in John's gospel. It is so important that the Church puts it before us on the fourth Sunday of Easter in each of the three cycles of readings. Apart from its obvious sense of Jesus looking after his sheep – and silly, confused sheep at that – this image receives special sense from the figure of the shepherd in the Old Testament. God is the primary shepherd of Israel, who pastures his sheep in pastures green so that they fear no evil (Psalm 23). In Ezekiel 34 God promises to free Israel from the self-centred shepherds who keep the sheep for their own advantage, and to send them a true shepherd after his own heart, a second David, who will tend them as God himself would care for them. Thus, in putting before us each year in Eastertide, this proclamation that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the Church is affirming the Risen Christ as the divine Shepherd who tends his flocks.

Today's readings: Sat 6pm and Sun 9am only.

First reading Acts 13:14, 43b-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the LORD, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second reading Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel John 10:27-30

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'