

# NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

15th June 2025

**A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS OF OUR PARISH !**

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

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Nolasco Almeida RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

**Sunday 9am** Celeste Menezes RIP

**Sunday 11am** People of the parish

**Monday 10am** Karen Conroy RIP **Tuesday No Mass**

**Wednesday 10am** Dennis Charles Goodwin (Foundation Mass).

**Thursday 10am** Manuel Fernandez Casal RIP

*St John Rigby*

**Friday 12 noon** **Funeral Mass for Bernard Leonard RIP.** [No 10am Mass] *St Alban*

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Paul Harrison RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

**Sunday 9am** Sylvester D'Souza RIP

**11am** Welfare of Amalia Santa-Olalla

**Life breakfast today.**

**Bar open after 11am Mass.**

**2nd collection today: Day for LIFE. See explanation on P2.**

**Please pray for the sick and housebound.** Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown, Angela Lambert, Maura Puckett, Claire Longworth, Marina Dormer, 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, Margaret Long, Coral Hind, Freda Blade, Christi Cox, David Morling and all who are sick.

### A Message from Deacon Tony

Hello everyone, well what a surprise! I'm feeling a bit daft as I had a heart attack and didn't notice, but I have had the most perfect care. Thank you for all the messages and prayers, I am deeply grateful. I might be back home by the time you read this, but I'm not sure when you'll see me.

So in the meantime, much love,

**2nd collection this weekend. Day for Life.  
See also P4.**

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on **15 June**. The theme is *Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering*. It is inspired by Romans 5:5-6. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it.

Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope. *Day for Life* is marked on the same day by the three Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

**First Confession & First Holy Communion 2025.  
Preparation begins in September.**

If you wish to enrol your child for the parish preparation programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion you must request a **booking slip from Fr Peter** outside church after Mass this weekend.

**WEEKLY MASS** for Catholic parent and child is an essential condition for being accepted on the preparation programme. The preparation programme is parish based. Those who live outside the Parish boundary are not eligible to enrol unless they have already attended here weekly for at least the past year. Attendance at St Aidan's School is not relevant as it is a parish programme. It will not be possible for us to accommodate individual children who have other sport and cultural interests during session times. For this brief period the First Confession and First Communion preparation must take precedence. I am grateful to the parishioners who have agreed to give up their time to be Catechists. The role of the Priest and catechists is to supplement the input of the parent and support the parent in accomplishing the commitment made at Baptism to "train their child in the practice of the faith". While our School is not directly involved in running the programme it provides essential support for the children who are preparing for the sacraments.

**Today is Trinity Sunday.**

It is a day on which we contemplate the mystery of the inner life of God as three persons in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The doctrine of the Trinity reminds us that within God there are RELATIONSHIPS. It would therefore be a mistake to regard the Trinity as just three manifestations of God. That's the view that says God sometimes acts as a Father figure, sometimes takes a human form in the Son and sometimes communicates as Spirit. This view of God is called Modalism and is condemned by the Church as a heresy. It leaves no room for relationships of love within God.

Christ's revelation that there are three persons in relationship within God is very important to our understanding of the nature of God. This is why St. John the Evangelist can write that 'God is Love' (1Jn. 4: 8 ). Love can only come about in the context of relationship. The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that the relationships between Father, Son and Spirit exist eternally, even before the Son became human.

St. Paul's insight into the implications of the Trinity is shown in his teaching that through the incarnation of the Son, the inner life of God comes into the world. (Ephesians 3: 15). The experience of 'family' within humanity is an extension of the divine family of the Trinity. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit humanity is empowered and enabled to intimately share in the inner life of God.

Jesus calls us to be part of the family of the Church. The Church community is the place where the relationships within God merge with humanity and where the love of Father, Son and Spirit flows into the world through the body of Christ. The relationships within God open out to include the whole of humanity. Hence the prayer that the priest says at every Mass when the water is mixed with the wine. "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share in His divinity, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Trinity Sunday is a celebration not only of who God is but also who we are. It is about our 'belonging' as a people who are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

**Thursday 26 June – Sunday 29 June Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis at St George's Cathedral St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY) is welcoming a relic of Blessed – soon to be Saint – Carlo Acutis.**

At 6.30pm on Thursday 26 June, young adults will gather for an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic. On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6.00pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, including the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, a 'Morning with Carlo Acutis' from 9.30am to 1.00pm will include Mass, Adoration, the Rosary, and a talk on the relic. The Cathedral will also host an exhibition from Thursday 19 June to Monday 7 July. For more information, please visit [tinyurl.com/acutisrcaos25](http://tinyurl.com/acutisrcaos25)

Next weekend, we will celebrate CORPUS CHRISTI the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Is anyone available to collect an item from the diocesan offices at 55 Westminster Bridge Rd. SE1 7JB. Maybe someone with free train travel 60 +. Please contact Fr Peter

### Youth Fundraiser

The fundraiser for youth activities will take place at 7pm Saturday 21st June in the Church hall. Tickets £5, Bar and Raffle

Music from The 3 Amigos, composers / recording artists: Christine and Cecile as well as care home entertainer Philip.

Tickets on sale after Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am masses.

Donations and raffle prizes gratefully accepted

### Sacraments of Initiation for adults and children. Becoming a Catholic ... or receiving the Sacraments of Initiation as an adult.

#### Journey-in-Faith— BEGINS IN AUTUMN

The course is for:

- Those who wish to become members of the Catholic Church;
- OR those who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation as adults (18 yrs. and over);

‘Come and see’ - you are not committed to becoming a Catholic if you attend but it will help you to think more about it. Ask Fr Peter for an enrolment form or email him

[couldson@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:couldson@rcaos.org.uk)

**OUR OFFERTORY INCOME.** Cash £477, Standing Orders £591, Card reader £195  
**Total income:** £1,263 of which £705 was gift-aided.

### 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](mailto:couldongac@rcaos.org.uk)

### 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.

**Children's bibles** £10.

**Crucifixes** ... various.

### Statement on the upcoming Third Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which seeks to legalise assisted suicide, is fast approaching its decisive vote in the House of Commons which will likely take place on either the 13th or 20th of June.

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales oppose this flawed bill both in principle and in practice. Among the many concerns, we are particularly alarmed by the following:

□ This legislation would require many hospices and care homes to facilitate assisted suicide. This will put in jeopardy their ability to provide care. Parliament has rejected an amendment that would have allowed institutions to opt out of participating in the provision of assisted suicide.

□ The provisions for conscientious objection for health and social care workers are both unclear and inadequate. This problem will not be addressed by proposed amendments.

□ Safeguards against coercion for the most vulnerable are wholly inadequate, particularly in cases involving coercive control or social pressure. During Committee Stage, the bill's main proponent was unable to confirm whether individuals seeking assisted suicide due to financial concerns or feelings of being a burden would be prevented from accessing it.

Since then, no progress has been made, and many MPs consider the existing safeguards insufficient, with the potential to result in a “terrible tragedy.”

We note the opposition to the bill from key professional bodies including the Royal College of Psychiatrists whose members will be expected to be involved in the process of assessing those who elect for assisted suicide.

We have already seen the bill weakened during Committee Stage. In addition, MPs are expected to debate nearly 60 pages of amendments in under 15 hours. The whole process by which this bill has been brought forward and debated is insufficient for such a radical change.

We urge Catholics, and all people of goodwill, to contact their MP and ask them to vote against this bill. We also ask you to pray that our representatives choose to protect the most vulnerable citizens of this country when they vote later this month. You can contact your MP by email:  
[chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.philp.mp@parliament.uk)

**Archbishop John Sherrington**

Lead Bishop for Life Issues and  
Archbishop of Liverpool

**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.

**PURLEY FOOD HUB** are always very grateful for our donations. Please leave food items in church porch. Preferences for this month: Tin Openers - we have given out our last one, tinned meat meals (other than hot dogs & meatballs), tinned carrots, cartons of long life full fat milk, tinned sweetcorn, jars of peanut butter and meat & fish paste, tins of dessert fruit, tins of rice pudding, small bottles of shampoo, bars of soap, sanitary pads, laundry washing capsules.

**CHRISTIAN ART -****Daily Gospel Reading & Art Reflection.**

Google search: Christian.art

An excellent website with a work of art to connect with the Mass Gospel for every day of the year. It also has a commentary on the Gospel reading with an explanation of the art chosen. Link: <https://search.app/SRmptGESDL7bUMxB7>

**Mission.**

Do you support the missions either by standing order, or by saving your loose change in the red mission box? If so please collect your copy of Mission Today from the table at the back of the church. If you have a box that needs emptying please bring it to church and hand it to Father Peter or Brenda Eydman. It will be emptied and returned to you. Please make sure your name is displayed. If you are interested in the work of the missions, please take a copy and red boxes are always available if you would like to contribute.

**Today's readings:****First reading****Proverbs 8:22-31**

Thus says the Wisdom of God: The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 8:4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R2a**

*O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name through all the earth!*

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little lower than the angels;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,

gave him power over the works of your hands:  
you put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and oxen,  
yes, even the cattle of the fields,  
birds of the air, and fish of the sea  
that make their way through the waters.

**Second reading Romans 5:1-5**

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**Gospel****John 16:12-15**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'