

# NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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**CORPUS CHRISTI ~ Body & Blood of Christ**

**22nd June 2025**

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

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Paul Harrison RIP

**Confessions after Mass.**

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

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

**Monday 10.15am FUNERAL MASS FOR BARBARA WOOD**

**Tuesday NO Mass**

*The Nativity of St John the Baptist*

**Wednesday 6.30pm** Welfare of Yvonne Lodrick

**Thursday 10am** Antonio Fenandes RIP

**Friday 10am** Margaret Barret RIP

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Jacque and Mickey Ward RIP

**Confessions after Mass.**

**Sunday 9am** Grace Almeida RIP

**11am** Welfare of Eileen and John Joyce

**Life breakfast today.**

**Bar open after 11am Mass.**

**Today Sunday 22nd June.  
Corpus Christi.**

4pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
with Exposition and  
Benediction. Streamed.

**NEXT WEEKEND second collection: 'Peter's Pence'.** For the Pope's administration of the church and for his charitable projects. Holy Father and the Apostolic See needs to exercise works of mercy and charity, and its Services of the Universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.)

**It is with great sadness  
that we have heard of the  
death today Saturday of  
Maura Puckett.**

Martin, her husband and  
their two daughters are in  
our thoughts and prayers.  
*May she know the fullness  
of life with Jesus.*

**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.

Dear sisters & brothers,

**Today is the feast of Corpus Christi.**

This refers to the 'Body and Blood of Christ'. The celebration of Corpus Christi is an occasion to give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We need the nourishment of what Jesus calls the "bread of life". Just as we become weak and ill if we go without food for our bodies for too long, so it is with our spiritual lives. For the journey of life we need the bread which is the Eucharist.

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**Sacred Heart of Jesus. Friday 27th June - Mass 10.00am.**

Friday is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The symbol of the 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' has an important place in Catholic spirituality. It was highlighted in the seventeenth century when a French nun, Sr. Margaret Mary, received a vision of Christ with flames of love coming from his heart. In describing the apparition Margaret Mary said, "The divine heart was represented to me, ... and the wound which Jesus received on the cross appeared there visibly". Sr. Margaret Mary's vision has its origin in the scriptures and is highlighted particularly by St. John's Gospel, (Jn. 19:34). "From his heart shall flow fountains of living water" (Jn. 7:38). The entire month of June has traditionally been a time of renewing devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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**Proposed new statue.**

As part of the proposal about the tabernacle I suggested that a statue of the Holy Family could be placed in the current Blessed Sacrament chapel with votive lights. I was impressed with one I saw in a chapel at a Catholic care home, see photo. It is from an art studio in Italy called Demetz, - search Demetz.com It is a 4ft high modern art work but at the same time devotional in its genre.

Catholics in particular have a need for devotional spiritual nourishment and just like physical food we have different tastes in accordance with the culture in which we were formed.

It is not practical to offer a variety of statues for selection but you are welcome to comment in the usual ways on the one in the photo to the right, - speak to me, send email and discuss with other parishioners.

Several people have said to me that we should have something for St Aidan in our church. I am sympathetic to that view and we can look at it in the future.

Any pledges for funds are for the tabernacle and statue combined.

Yours in Christ,

FR Peter



**SUMMER PARISH BBQ**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**12pm-4pm**

The social committee are delighted to invite you all to the annual Parish BBQ on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025. There will be lots of food, great fun, music & games!

Tickets will be available for purchase on the day - £6 per adult & £3 per child.

*It will also be an opportunity to bid a fond farewell to Br Oliver as he moves on with his journey in Christ and prepares to go to Allen Hall Seminary for two years before ordination to priesthood.*

**Taskforce is taking place next Saturday**

10am - 12 noon, 28 June.

Please come and do some jobs around the church and grounds. Many thanks.

**The Youth fundraiser takes place:**

Saturday 21st June, 7pm in the church hall  
£5 on the door with Entertainment from: The 3 Amigos and guests. With Bar and raffle

If you are unable to attend you can put a donation in an envelope marked YOUTH

We are raising funds for youth activities starting with the <https://bigchurchfestival.com/> in August

**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)

**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.

**Bishops’ statement on Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.**

The Bishops of England and Wales have been consistent and outspoken in their opposition to the legalisation of assisted suicide, and we are shocked and disappointed that MPs have voted in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. This Bill is flawed in principle with several provisions that give us great cause for concern.

The Catholic Church believes in promoting a culture of life and compassionate care. Allowing the medical profession to help patients end their lives will change the culture of healthcare and cause legitimate fears amongst those with disabilities or who are especially vulnerable in other ways.

We are also concerned about the future of palliative care, not least because experience suggests that, unless there are explicit protections, hospices may be required to co-operate with assisted suicide. If this were to happen, the future of many Catholic institutions could be under threat.

This is not the end of the parliamentary process, and we should not lose hope. We ask the Catholic community to continue to pray for members of parliament whilst they consider this legislation and to pray that government will act to promote and protect life from conception until natural death.

We have expressed the view, during this debate, that genuine compassion involves accompanying those who need care, especially during sickness, disability and old age. The vocation to care is at the heart of the lives of so many people who look after their loved ones and is the sign of a truly compassionate society. As we stated after the second reading, it is essential that we nurture and renew the innate call that many people have to compassionately care for others.

The Bishops of England and Wales believe that improving the quality and availability of palliative care offers the best pathway to reducing suffering at the end of life. We will continue to advocate for this, and we ask the Catholic community to support those who work tirelessly to care for the dying in our hospices, hospitals and care homes.

**Archbishop John Sherrington**

Archbishop of Liverpool

Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops’ Conference.

**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)

**OUR OFFERTORY INCOME.** Cash £508, Standing Orders £591, Card reader £187

**Total income:** £1,286 of which £695 was gift-aided.

**2nd Collection: Day for life £370**  
**Thank you.**

Please consider making a standing order for your offertory contributions. Contact the GA coordinator Clive Fernandes

### Afternoon Tea Friday 4th July at 4pm

In the church hall for a donation of £5.00  
If you would like to book a place, please speak to Brenda Eydman after the 9am mass or telephone 01737 552610

### **200 Club**

The 200 Club winning number for June is number 154.

The winner will receive a cheque for £200. If you are interested in joining the 200 club, please contact Sarah Martin-Loat by email at [staidans200club@gmail.com](mailto:staidans200club@gmail.com).

### **Today's readings:**

#### **First reading                      Genesis 14:18-20**

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

#### **Responsorial Psalm   Ps 110(109)**

*You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

The LORD's revelation to my lord:  
'Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your foes your footstool.'

The LORD will send from Sion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of your foes.

With you is princely rule  
on the day of your power.  
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,  
I have begotten you.

The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:  
'You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

### **Second reading   1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **Gospel                              Luke 9:11b-17**

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.