

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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16th Sunday ~ Ordinary Time

20th July 2025

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Agnes McManus RIP Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am Intentions of Teresa O'Donoghue

Sunday 11am Manuel Bosco Denzil Fernandes RIP

Monday 10am Margaret Janz RIP

Tuesday 10am

St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 6.30pm

St Bridget of Sweden - Feast

Thursday 10am Michael and Mary Bermingham

Friday 10am Tim Toomey RIP

Exposition until 11am.

St James the Great - Feast

Saturday Vigil 6pm Katherine Ryan RIP

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am Intentions of Dolly Back

11am Barbara Wood RIP-

Life breakfast today.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Win Jordan, Adolfo Santa-Olalla (Maria Murray's father), Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown, Angela Lambert, Claire Longworth, Marina Dormer, Kevin Leavey, Jean Bleach, Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman, Eileen Darville, Pat Kelly, Marion McCluskey, 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.

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

This weekend is the last newsletter before the summer break. Mass intentions for the coming weeks are printed on P3. Where there are no intentions entered requests can be made to Fr Peter Mabudhu and the offering given directly to him.

There will be only one streamed Mass each week at 11am on Sundays.

If you are fortunate enough to get away on holiday do relax and stay safe.

Fr. Peter

This Sunday at 11am Mass three children from the same family will be receiving their First Holy Communion. They were baptised over a week ago. They are: Godspower, Crystal and Chibunna Offormah. Thank you to Javier Daura and his wife Marianna for preparing the children for the sacraments.

Meal train: call for volunteers

If you are interested in cooking a meal for an upcoming meal train for a couple in the parish, please email Katie Stockermans (katharine.stockermans@gmail.com) for more information.

SVP National Raffle 2025

Tickets for our annual fundraising event will be on sale after Masses over this weekend.

Tickets are £1 each. Cash only please as we have no card reader. Thank you for your continued support..

The National Raffle is the biggest annual fundraising event of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Every year your support helps the Society continue its work with people facing isolation, loneliness and a daily struggle with poverty in communities throughout England and Wales. This year the prizes are: 1st prize £5000, 2nd prize £1000 plus 15 additional prizes of £100. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of 5 tickets and the draw will take place on 25th September 2025.

Afternoon Tea Friday 1st August 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 ring 01737 552610

The 200 Club

The winning number for July is number 76 belonging to Michael O'Callaghan. 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.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME. Cash £455, Standing Orders £591, Card reader £181
Total income: £1,227 of which £753 was gift-aided.

2nd Collection: Stella Maris (Sea chaplaincy) £475

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

The sacrament of RECONCILIATION - CONFESSION.

The Church teaches that central to our preparation for receiving Holy Communion is the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

This does not mean that we have to go to Confession every time before going to Holy Communion but it does mean we should go regularly.

Having a visiting priest in the parish is a wonderful opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Peter Mabudhu will be available to hear confessions in the Reconciliation Room after Wednesday evening Masses, - 6.30pm Mass finishes at around 6.55pm. He will also be available at the regular time after the 6pm Saturday Vigil Masses. The Wednesday confessions will be every week from now until 20th August.

The Reconciliation Room is at the back of the church on the opposite side to the shop. It has a screen for anonymity or a chair for a face to face confession, it is the penitents choice.

Fr Peter

A lifechanging opportunity!

Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

It is particularly good for catechists.
Please see Fr Peter if you are interested.

Fr Peter Mabudhu will be providing pastoral care in the parish while Fr Peter is on holiday.

The parish phone will be monitored but you may need to leave a voicemail.

There will be the regular schedule of Masses but in addition there will be Mass on Tuesdays at 10am.

Friday 15th August is the solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. It is a Holy Day of obligation which means we are obliged to attend Mass unless prevented from doing so. Masses are at 7.30pm the evening before Thursday 14th and at 10am on the morning of the 15th. There is no Thursday morning Mass on 14th.

Fr Peter is in the UK for the first time. If you are at home over the next few weeks invite him to a meal at your place. Check with him in advance about his dietary requirements, - he is on a diet !

Fr Stephen will be coming to celebrate the 11am Mass for us on Sunday 24th August.

There will be no Tea / Coffee after Mass on Thursdays for the rest of July. It will resume on 7th August. Not on 14th. Aug.

Mass intentions for July and August are listed below. The blank dates are available for an intention request. Anyone wanting a Mass should see Fr Peter Mabudhu to arrange it.

Day	Date	Name
Monday	21/07/25	Margaret Janz RIP
Tuesday	22/07/25	
Wednesday	23/07/25	
Thursday	24/07/25	Michael and Mary Bermingham RIP.
Friday	25/07/25	Tim Toomey RIP
Saturday	26/07/25	Katherine Ryan RIP
Sunday 9am	27/07/25	Intentions of Dolly Back
Sunday 11am	27/07/25	Barbara Wood RIP
Monday	28/07/25	The Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	29/07/25	
Wednesday	30/07/25	
Thursday	31/07/25	Vocations to priesthood.
Friday	01/08/25	For the dying
Saturday 6pm	02/08/25	Maura Puckett RIP
Sunday 9am	03/08/25	Intentions of Dolly Back
Sunday 11am	03/08/25	Malcolm Lambert RIP
Monday	04/08/25	World Peace
Tuesday	05/08/25	
Wednesday	06/08/25	
Thursday 10am	07/08/25	Peter and Daphne Kavanagh
Friday	08/08/25	Joanne Bernard-Hill RIP
Saturday	09/08/25	
Sunday 9am	10/08/25	Priest's intention
Sunday 11am	10/08/25	
Monday	11/08/25	Welfare of the Cota and Back families
Tuesday	12/08/25	Edward Wilkins RIP.
Wednesday	13/08/25	
ASSUMPTION VIGIL 7.30PM THURSDAY	14/08/25	Fr Oscar Leake
ASSUMPTION 10AM FRIDAY	15/08/25	Ralph Haws RIP
Saturday	16/08/25	Mary Bertha Seldon and relatives
Sunday 9am	17/08/25	Priest's intention
Sunday 11am	17/08/25	Tony O'Connor RIP
Monday	18/08/25	
Tuesday	19/08/25	
Wednesday	20/08/25	
Thursday	21/08/25	
Friday	22/08/25	Kelleher family- living & dead.

Commentary on today's Gospel ~ with Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB. ©

Martha and Mary have become the classic figures in the Church representing two different styles of life, the active and the contemplative vocation, an active apostolate or a life of prayer. Carried to an extreme, this opposition is, of course, merely silly. No active apostolate can thrive unless it grows out of a life of prayer, for we cannot draw others to the knowledge and love of a God whom we do not ourselves know and love. Nor can a life of prayer be genuine unless it leads to care for others and concern for the salvation of all those whom the Lord loves. Even a strictly enclosed community cannot claim to be a part of Christ's body unless its fabric is one of love and concern for all the members, and especially those in need, the elderly, the sick and the young. This was particularly obvious in previous centuries, before the development of the social services of welfare states, when even contemplative religious houses were havens for the sick and unfortunate. In fact, Jesus does not present any such choice between two different religious ways of life. His speech is always in terms of absolutes. He does not use comparatives; he says that Mary has chosen not 'the better' but 'the good part'. Any 'good' life must be founded on listening devotedly to the Lord and responding to what we have heard.

Today's readings:

First reading Genesis 18:1-10a

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

**Responsorial Psalm
Ps 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. R1b**

O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken.

Second reading Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'