

# NEWSLETTER

## St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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**Year C**

**25th Sunday ~ Ordinary Time**

**21st September 2025**

**Home Mission - Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.**

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

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Michael Palmer RIP Confessions after Mass.

**Sunday 9am** Special intention.

**Sunday 11am** Patricia Hassett RIP

**Monday 10am** George and Margaret Goodwin

**Tuesday** No Mass here

**Wednesday 6.30pm** Ray Dullaway RIP

**Thursday 10am** Abe Almeida RIP

**Friday 10am** **No Mass** - MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS) - with Exposition and Benediction. Ends 10.45am.

**Saturday Vigil 6pm** Margaret Whitelaw RIP

Confessions after Mass.

**Sunday 9am** Maria Almeida RIP

**Sunday 11am** Intentions of Eileen and John Joyce

**Life breakfast today.**

**Bar open after 11am Mass.**

*St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

**OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM**

**The annual diocesan service of hope and healing for those harmed by abuse** will be on Wednesday 24 September 2025, the annual service of hope and healing for those harmed by abuse and for those supporting the people who have been harmed is taking place at St George's Cathedral. The service starts at 6.30pm and is an opportunity to show solidarity for those who have been harmed by abuse and to pray for them and their families. If you can, please do attend this service of acknowledgment, prayer and reflection.

**THIS weekend 2nd collection: Home Mission Sunday.** This collection provides for resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of evangelisation.

**Taskforce is taking place next Saturday**  
10am - 12 noon. Please come and do some jobs around the church and grounds. Many thanks.

**There will be a Catholic funeral service for Kevin Leavey RIP** on Monday 29th September at 11.30am in church. All are welcome to attend and to come into the hall afterwards for refreshments. There will be a Mass at a later date.

**TODAY on Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - Home Mission Sunday** the bishops of England and Wales ask parishes to firstly pray for the work of evangelisation across our countries and to see ways in which Catholics within their parish settings may be more involved in this work. Much is already happening, and this may be through our catechesis programmes for the sacraments, or our courses which help those who are becoming Catholics to understand the teaching of the Church. Many are already involved in baptismal and marriage preparation and so this Sunday highlights the good work that goes on across our dioceses and parishes. It is also a moment for us to see if there is anything more that we could be doing to support each other to grow in a living faith.

**Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel** - was written by Pope Francis. It's main points include a call for a renewed evangelization with an outgoing, missionary spirit, emphasizing the joy of the Gospel and the need to address social injustices like exclusion and inequality. It highlights the call for every baptized person to be a missionary disciple, the need for a pastoral and missionary conversion of the entire Church, and the importance of a Church that is "poor and for the poor". The document advocates for a decentralized Church structure, more open and creative pastoral approaches, and greater attention to the needs of the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized.

### Key Themes and Concepts:

**Missionary Discipleship:** Every baptized Catholic is called to be a missionary disciple, spreading the Gospel with renewed enthusiasm and vitality.

**A Church for the Poor:** The exhortation calls for a Church that is poor and for the poor, showing a special love and care for the weak, sick, and overlooked.

**Addressing Social Injustice:** *Evangelii Gaudium* is critical of the "economy of exclusion" and inequality, calling on Christians to confront modern-day slavery, child labor, and poverty.

**Ecclesial Renewal:** Francis urged an urgent, pastoral and missionary conversion for the entire Church, encouraging openness and a spirit that transcends bureaucracy and tradition.

**The Joy of the Gospel:** The document emphasizes rediscovering the joy of a personal encounter with Christ and sharing this message with renewed energy.

**The Role of the Parish:** Parishes are encouraged to welcome new people and act as dynamic centers for spreading the message of Christ.

**Decentralization and Lay Ministry:** The Pope calls for more creative pastoral approaches and a shift away from over-centralization in the Church's structure, encouraging the role of the laity and a "conversion of the papacy".

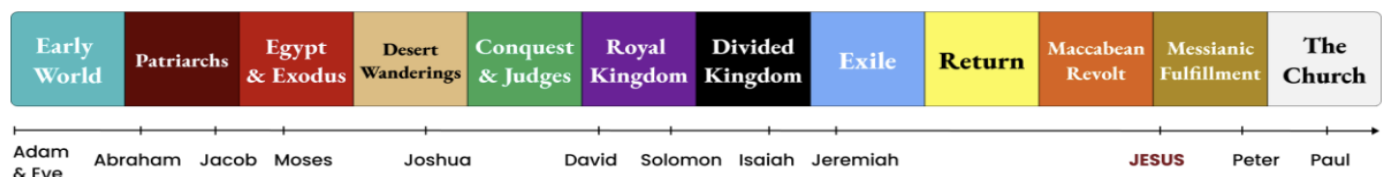
**Pastoral Creativity:** Francis encourages pastoral workers to overcome complacency and develop new ways of preaching and sharing the Gospel.

**Inclusion of the Poor:** The document stresses the importance of including the poor in society and focusing on new forms of poverty, such as those experienced by the homeless, addicted, and refugees.

**Spiritual Motivations:** It also discusses the spiritual motivations for mission and the importance of tenderness and affection in the face of human suffering.

**Bible course—online—free.**

**Go to ..... [Comeandsee.org](http://Comeandsee.org)**



**Understand the Bible from start to finish**, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, world-renowned course presented online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on Wed 1st October 2025 at 7pm UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: [comeandsee.org](http://comeandsee.org)

**Please pray for the sick and housebound.**

Elizabeth Hubbard -Brown, Brigid O'Donnell, Claire Longworth, Eileen Mallows, Marina Dormer, 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, Michael Ogonovsky, 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 Fr Peter know.**

**Catholic school applications. Primary and secondary. Certificate of Catholic Practice.**

The priest's reference form has been replaced with the Certificate of Catholic Practice. The certificate is signed by the priest if the applicant comes to Mass weekly. Previously the priest was required to indicate Mass attendance ranked as weekly, fortnightly, monthly, etc. Now all Catholic schools have adopted the new Certificate as proposed by the Archbishop. It means that where Mass attendance is less than weekly the priest is not permitted to sign the Certificate. There is no need to come to the appointment with the priest if you have not signed in weekly at church. Parents who attend Mass less than weekly can still apply to the Catholic schools and prove their Catholicity with the Baptism certificate.

NB St Bede's write directly to the priest.  
**For more information parents should pick up the cream information sheet from the tables at the back of the church.**

Fr Peter will be available to sign secondary school certificates on the following dates and times:

Friday 3 Oct. .. 7 - 7.30pm  
Thursday 9 Oct .. 3 - 3.45pm  
Thursday 16 Oct .. 7 - 7.30pm  
Thursday 23 Oct. .. 7 - 7.30pm

**Primary certificates will be signed in November.**

**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.

**Funeral for Mrs Norma Carroll, former Director of Music at Coloma School**

The Funeral for Mrs Norma Carroll, former Director of Music at Coloma School will be held at St John the Baptist Church, Purley at 11.30 am on Tuesday 30th September. Mrs Carroll was well known to many of the families in the parish through her work in Music at Coloma and in the whole local area.

**Afternoon tea Friday 3rd October in the church hall at 4 o'clock for a donation of £5.00**

If you would like to attend, please speak to Brenda Eydman after 9 o'clock Mass or ring 01737 552610 to book a place.

**Sacrament of Confirmation at St Aidan's 2026.**

Year 9 pupils or older are now being invited to enrol for the preparation for Confirmation. Canon Gerard Bradley (the Archbishop's area vicar) will be coming to our parish on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to administer the sacrament of Confirmation at 7.30pm Mass. I would therefore like to invite our young people who are currently in year 9 or older to apply.

The Confirmation preparation programme will begin in the church hall on Sunday evenings beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October. The application forms will be available from Fr Peter after Masses today and for the next couple of weeks.

**Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) Mass attendance is an essential requirement for any prospective applicant.**

The young person applying needs to request the form personally, **NOT A PARENT.**

The St Aidan's programme is not open to people from other parishes.

On the application form the applicants are asked to write a short piece in their own words saying why they wish to be confirmed.

**PURLEY FOOD HUB** are always very grateful for our donations. Please leave food items in church porch. Tinned fish, packet soup containing several sachets, tinned meat meals, tinned baked beans, packets of savoury biscuits, 500g packets of pasta, small bottles of fruit squash, packets of custard requiring only hot water, unisex shampoo, small bottles of washing up liquid.

**Weekly Mass in Croydon University Hospital**

There will be Mass every Wednesday at 12 noon in the Chapel at Croydon University Hospital. All are most welcome.

**OUR OFFERTORY INCOME.** Cash £514, Standing Orders £591, Card reader £10

**Total income:** £1,115 of which £639 was gift-aided.

**2nd Collection: Catholic Education Service £352**

**Thank you.**

### **Today's Mass readings.**

#### **First reading            Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R cf. 1a, 7b**

*Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.*

Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!  
May the name of the LORD be blest  
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the LORD,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the LORD, our God,  
who dwells on high,  
who lowers himself to look down  
upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the ash heap he raises the poor,  
to set them in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people.

#### **Second reading            1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

#### **Gospel**

#### **Luke 16:1-13**

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

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