

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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28th Sunday ~ Ordinary Time

12th October 2025

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Steve Ashmore RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Jackie Van Elswijk-du Cassé RIP

Sunday 11am Patricia Hassett RIP

Monday 10am The souls in purgatory

St Edward the Confessor

Tuesday No Mass here

Wednesday 6.30pm People of the parish

St Teresa of Avila

Thursday 10am John Cook RIP

Friday 10am William Samson Bishop **Exposition until 11am.** *St Ignatius of Antioch*

Saturday Vigil 6pm People of the parish

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am Welfare of Mario Van Elswijk

Sunday 11am Intention of PKM

Life breakfast today.

Bar open after 11am Mass.

This Sunday we welcome the HCPT 510 - parish Lourdes group at 11am Mass and afterwards in the hall.

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.

Next Sunday 2nd collection. World Mission Sunday Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the World. The Second Collection will be for Missio, the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The money goes directly from this country to the bishops in the mission territories, local church helping local church.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. There will be Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from **2.45pm - 3.15pm**. This is a good opportunity for school parents and others before pick up time from school. Parking in church for those attending but please register. Cars can be left until children are collected.

Prisoners' Sunday - 12 October. We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. the national Catholic prison charity. There will be a second collection to support PACT's important work

Thank you for a great collection for CAFOD family fast day. In the collection you raised £925
Some people were unable to use the card reader as it did not have CAFOD listed on it last weekend. Anyone wishing to give using their credit card can still go to cafod.org.uk and donate online.

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

Thursday 16 Oct .. 7 - 7.30pm

Thursday 23 Oct. .. 7 - 7.30pm

Primary certificates will be signed in November.

Out parish St Vincent de Paul (SVP) group has closed due to dwindling number of members.

I would like to thank all the members past and present for their faithful service of visiting many needy people in their homes and care homes as well as many other acts of Christian kindness and support over the years.

Some of the members will continue as parish visitors so that the people they visited don't lose the contact they have found so helpful.

The parish will need to look at ways of picking up other things such as the Mass of anointing of the sick and elderly which would normally take place in October.

The Coulsdon/Old Coulsdon Branch of the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is holding a COFFEE MORNING and CAKE SALE on Wednesday, 15th October from 10.30am to 12 noon at OLD COULSDON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Please join us – there will be a warm welcome awaiting you as well as coffee or tea and home-made cakes!

New Altar Servers needed.

Team members will be outside after Masses today.

We are excited to invite new altar servers to join our team for all Masses. We welcome girls, boys, and adults who wish to serve at the altar. Children should be in **Year 4 or above** and have received their **First Holy Communion**.

A **training session** for new and current servers will take place on Sunday, 9th November. After the 11:00am Mass

If you or your child are interested in joining, or would like more information, please speak with the **altar server coordinator after Mass**, or contact: **Agnelo Braganza – 9:00am Mass**,

Email: agnelob@yahoo.com,
Phone: 07546 113700

We look forward to welcoming new members to our altar server team and thank you for considering this important ministry.

Marriage & Family Life

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES

The Southwark diocesan Marriage and Family life team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) per annum for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For a full job description and further details, please email liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: October 31.

ROOTED IN LOVE

Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a monthly online meeting where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ. Each gathering is monthly on Zoom: October 30 at 8:30pm, November 27 at 8:30pm, December 11 at 8:30pm.

Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

**ST THOMAS MORE LANGUAGE COLLEGE
CADOGAN STREET CHELSEA LONDON
SW3 2QS
OPEN EVENING**

We are offering an additional opportunity to visit us on Tuesday 21st October 2025

Free flow visits of the College site between 4 – 5.30pm

Headteacher's talk in the Hall at 5.15pm

TUBE: SLOANE SQUARE STATION

BUS: DUKE OF YORK SQUARE

Celebrating Cultural & Ethnic Identities in Our Parishes – Free Webinar

Join the Archdiocese of Southwark's Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion for a free webinar exploring how cultural and ethnic identities can be celebrated within our parishes.

- **Thursday 16 October**
- **7:00–8:45 pm**

What to expect:

Reflections on the Archdiocese's ongoing story of inclusion, plus real stories from parishes
A lively panel discussion with clergy and parish/chaplaincy reps
Practical tools and next steps for your parish/ministry

- **Join via Zoom:** [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/QJ5vL4nURTmnHUIAa2BiKA](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/QJ5vL4nURTmnHUIAa2BiKA)

All are welcome – parishioners, clergy, chaplaincy teams and ministry leaders.
For more information and for a QR code to sign up, please see the poster in the church porch or contact Caritas Southwark at caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk

Retreat day for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion.

St Aidan's parish Coulsdon are hosting a retreat day for Readers & Special Ministers of Holy Communion Saturday 22nd November 2025. 11am - 3pm.

The newly recruited Special Ministers are included.

All ministers in the Croydon Deanery are invited.

The day includes reflections with Canon Luke Smith on the theme of **'The Word became flesh'**. There will be a session on praying with the scriptures. Adoration and Benediction included.

Venue: St Aidan's Church Hall - Coulsdon, Chipstead Valley Road, CR5 3DD
Please bring a packed lunch, hot drinks provided.
Please see church noticeboard for the full programme.

Parking available – please register your car to avoid a parking penalty

Sacrament of Confirmation at St Aidan's 2026.

Preparation begins on Sunday 16th November at 6pm in parish hall.

Church heating boiler is currently out of order, awaiting component parts.

Calling all youth.

On behalf of St Aidan's Youth Ministry are you interested in Performing Arts and are under the age of 18?

If you are a singer, instrumentalist, actor or producer, come along to an open casting call:

- in The Marian Room (hall),
12th October after 11am Mass

Show us what you can do. Please do bring your instruments and / or voices. Everyone is welcome irrespective of experience or ability.

We would like to start a St Aidan's Youth troupe to enrich the parish.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS:

Once again we will be collaborating this autumn with Nightwatch in the provision of sandwiches for distribution to the homeless and vulnerably housed in the evenings in central Croydon. We have pursued this initiative for a few years now and Nightwatch have reported on the ever-increasing need for food provision on a nightly basis. We, the Churches Together in Coulsdon, have agreed take on sandwich provision on Thursday evenings in November and December.

Previous St Aidan's volunteers will be contacted direct for their availability but new volunteers are also very welcome indeed. A lot of food is needed so please do respond to this if you can. Volunteers are needed to cover the following jobs:

1) To make about 15 rounds of simple sandwiches and deliver them to a specified Coulsdon address any time up to 7.00pm on Thursdays in November and December (collection can be arranged if you are not able to deliver). About seven volunteers are needed for each week.

2) To collect all the batches of sandwiches from the Coulsdon address at 8pm on Thursdays in November and December and deliver them by car to Nightwatch in central Croydon. The round trip takes about one hour. One volunteer is needed each week.

Detailed instructions will be available for both jobs when a rota is circulated. If we have enough volunteers you should only be asked to be on the rota once or twice.

If you are able to help out please contact Maureen Lee - maureenannelee213@gmail.com - by Thursday 16th October saying which job you would like to do and which Thursdays in November and December you are available. A rota will be issued towards the end of October.

Baby Loss Awareness Week is a national initiative of remembrance taking place from 9-15 October.

Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, and Bishop Bosco MacDonald, Lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, have released a statement to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week that runs from 9-15 October.

Statement.

Baby Loss Awareness Week is a national initiative of remembrance taking place from 9-15 October. It is an opportunity to pause and acknowledge the deep sorrow suffered by parents who have experienced the loss of a baby, especially through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or stillbirth and infant loss. Each of these losses involves the death of a small child and the parents need our compassion and support through their bereavement. It is an opportunity for prayer.

Many women and parents carry this painful loss silently. It is difficult to talk about, and the Church has also found this difficult. We invite parents to mark baby loss in meaningful ways: through prayer, memorials or liturgical remembrance and mass. These acts help affirm the dignity and innocence of the child and support you in your journey of grief and healing. We encourage parishes to invite parents to pray in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament or light a candle for their children at any time.

“You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb” (Psalm 139). The psalmist sings of the divine origin of every human life starting from conception. During this *Baby Loss Awareness Week*, let us remember all babies who have died before birth or in infancy and the families who mourn them. “Let us encourage parents to seek strength in the motherly gaze of the Blessed Virgin Mary who watched her beloved Son die on the cross and who now beholds Him in eternal glory. May they find comfort in the hope of eternal life and in the tender mercy of God, who knows each child by name and holds them in His embrace.”

How the Catholic Church remembers children who died in the womb or in infancy and supports their parents.

Baby loss touches more families than we might think. For example, around one in five pregnancies in England and Wales end in miscarriage. Yet many of these parents suffer in isolation. The opportunity for parents to hold their deceased baby, to name him or her and to mourn their loss can be a sacred moment. Sadly, this is not always possible, thus compounding the grief.

If you have experienced the loss of a baby, please be assured that the Church holds you in prayer and invites you to seek support in your parish community. The Church offers Funeral Masses or memorial Masses to commend the souls of the departed to God’s mercy and love. including babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, or ectopic pregnancy. A common practice has also been to celebrate a Mass ‘of the Angels’ offered for the intention of the unborn.

We encourage parishes to make known that a Funeral Mass or an appropriate memorial Mass can be offered for a baby lost at any stage of pregnancy. This is not only a way of entrusting the child to God’s loving care, but also a source of consolation and spiritual comfort for grieving parents.

Fr Peter notes: A Mass or service for a miscarried baby would be said privately without publicity.

SAVE THE DATE !

**St Aidan’s Social Committee
Annual Winter Ball
will be held on Sat 6th December
Full details to follow soon.**

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.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME.

Cash £493, Standing Orders £591, Card reader £242
Total income: £1,326 of which £752 was gift-aided.

2nd Collection: CAFOD £925 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

You can pay offertory or make a donation to the parish using this QR code or by using the link on the homepage of the parish website .

**Weekly Mass in Croydon University Hospital**

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

PURLEY FOOD HUB are always very grateful for our donations. Please leave food items in church porch. Tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn, packet soup containing several sachets, tinned meat meals such as stew, meatballs, hot dogs, 500g packets of long grain rice, small jars of honey, tinned dessert fruit, tinned rice pudding, packets of custard requiring only hot water, small bottles of squash, adult toothpaste

Today's Mass readings:**First reading 2 Kings 5:14-17**

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 98(97)

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

O sing a new song to the LORD,
 for he has worked wonders.
 His right hand and his holy arm
 have brought salvation.

The LORD has made known his salvation,
 has shown his deliverance to the nations.
 He has remembered his merciful love
 and his truth for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
 the salvation of our God.
 Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
 break forth into joyous song,
 and sing out your praise.

Second reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'