

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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33rd Sunday ~ Ordinary Time

16th November 2025

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

Saturday Vigil 6pm Holy Souls **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Thanksgiving for the birth of baby Joseph.

Sunday 11am Deceased priests, deacons and parishioners of St Aidan's

Monday 10am Mary Murphy RIP

Tuesday No Mass here

Wednesday 6.30pm People of the parish

Thursday 10am Paul McCarroll RIP

Friday 10am People of the parish **Anniversary of the Consecration of St Aidan's Church**

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Exposition until 11am

Saturday Vigil 6pm Geoffrey Martin RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Deceased loved ones - November book **Sunday 11am** Christian Clarke RIP

**Life breakfast today.
Bar open after 11am
Mass.**

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Atticus Fletcher-Smith (baby), Claire Longworth, Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown, Brigid O'Donnell, 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, 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.

Catholic Youth Services

Collection taken on National Youth Sunday to support Catholic youth work in the Diocese and beyond,

Sacrament of Confirmation at St Aidan's 2026.

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Coral Hind RIP (Orford House Care Home) and Sue Nithyanandan who died recently.

May they know the merciful embrace of Jesus.

Anniversary of the consecration of our Church.

This week on Friday 21st November we will celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of St Aidan's Church. It is designated as a solemnity which is the highest rank of Liturgical celebrations.

Our church and altar were consecrated in 1986 almost 20 years after the opening. It was usual in the past for there to be a time gap between the opening and the consecration because it used to be the rule that a church could not be consecrated until any debt on building was paid. Celebrations of church anniversaries are normally done in relation to the consecration date.

The consecration of a church is not primarily about a building, it is about the church community of which the building is a symbol. Catholics celebrate three anniversaries of church dedications during the year. They are: 1) St John Lateran Basilica, Rome - 9th Nov; 2) our diocesan Cathedral - 7th Nov; 3) the parish church. By pure coincidence all the dates occur in November. These three celebrations are about our Catholic Christian identity. They express the truth that our 'belonging' is not limited to a local parish community. We are connected to all other catholic communities in our diocese of Southwark with the Archbishop and our cathedral at the centre. Through him we are connected to a family of parishes and Catholic communities in South London and Kent. Our identity as belonging to a universal Church is symbolically expressed when we celebrate the dedication of St John Lateran, Rome, on 9th November. It is the cathedral church of Rome, officially the Pope's cathedral and therefore the 'mother church' for Catholic Christians. It signifies that our 'belonging' is to the universal body of Christ. As with our family identity, 'belonging' has more than a present dimension. It has an historical dimension. We share in the faith and ministry of the Apostles, the Bishop being a symbol of the unbroken line between the early apostolic church of Pentecost and the Church of today, - including all the generations in between. In the creed we profess our faith in 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church'.

As we mark the consecration of our parish church this week we are mindful that the church of St Aidan, Coulsdon, is not primarily bricks and mortar. It is US, the Body of Christ. St Paul sums up the Christian understanding when he writes: You are God's building. For the foundation, nobody can lay other than the one which has already been laid that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you ? The temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. (1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17) The prayer over the people at the end of the Mass for the consecration of a church seems a suitable blessing to invoke on our parish and on all those beyond our physical parish who join in our streaming.

May God, who has willed that all his scattered children be gathered in his Son, grant that you become his temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

St Chad's church South Norwood.

John Pridmore, an ex-gangster and international best selling author of the book 'From Gangland to Promised Land' will be at St Chad's Catholic Church, South Norwood to share his experience of conversion from the 29th of November to the 3rd of December. He will speak at all the Masses (Vigil Mass 6:30pm, Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:30am and 6pm. Weekday masses 9:30am) and also in the evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

Monday 1st Dec (Night 1: The amazing story of John Pridmore);

Tuesday 2nd Dec (Night 2: A chance to meet Jesus personally) and

Wednesday 3rd Dec (Night 3: Healing service with abounding miracles)

This is a great opportunity to find meaning in our lives.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME.

Cash £463, Standing Orders £571, Card reader £211 Total income: £1,265 of which £728 was gift-aided.

2nd Collection:

Archbishop's Appeal £397

Thank you.

Please consider making a standing order for your offertory contributions. Contact the GA coordinator Clive Fernandes to get the details. coulsdongac@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. The first time you use it you will be asked if you wish to Gift-Aid.



Weekly Mass in Croydon University Hospital

There is Mass every **Wednesday** at 12pm in Croydon University Hospital Chapel. All are most welcome.

New Altar Servers – MEETING TODAY.

Dear Parishioners / Families,

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**.

Please note the rescheduled date for the mandatory training session for new and current servers:

Date: Sunday, 16th November

Time: After the 11:00 am Mass

Agnelo Braganza – 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.

200 Club

The 200 Club winning number for November is number 153 belonging to Frank Conway.

Catholic Primary school applications.

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 primary school certificates on the following dates and times:

Thursday 20 Nov 3 - 3.45pm.

Thursday 27 Nov 7 - 7.30pm

Parish Winter Ball Sat 6th December

Tickets will be available for purchase this Sunday after 9am and 11am masses, and every weekend mass throughout November after that.

They are £25 per ticket, 3 course meal and live music from the fabulous Phoenix! A great night is guaranteed!



Christmas cards in packs of 10 and boxes of 18 are now on sale in the church shop.

Advent Calendars £1.50

Box of 18 cards - £5

Catholic 2026 diaries - £3

Catholic art calendars - £1

Sending a Christian Christmas card is a simple and prayerful way of witnessing to our faith in the God who become human for our salvation. Profits also go to charitable causes.

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.

This Sunday

The theme of the ninth World Day of the Poor

is: 'You are my hope' (cf. Psalm 71:5). In Pope Leo XIV's message for the day, which you can read at tinyurl.com/3465wrfk, he says: 'It is my hope, then, that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combating forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor.' For further information and prayers, please visit cafod.org.uk/pray/world-day-of-the-poor.

#RedWednesday

Is fast approaching, and we at ACN would like to invite you to join us once more for Holy Mass on #RedWednesday. This year we will be at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 6pm on Wednesday 19th November for a special evening filled with prayer, music, light and hope. The focus for this year's Mass will be on suffering young Christians around the world. If you would like to attend, please do RSVP at advocacy@acnuk.org.

A seminar to help Christians think about retirement

Professor John Wyatt will be giving a seminar on the three pivotal transitions of later life—retirement, growing dependence, and approaching death—encouraging Christians to navigate each with preparation, purpose, and hope. 3:30pm, Sunday 23 November, St John's Church, Old Coulsdon, CR5 1HA.

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.

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PURLEY FOOD HUB are always very grateful for our donations. Please leave food items in church porch. Cartons of long life whole milk, drinking chocolate requiring only water, medium sized (around 500g) breakfast cereals, tinned meat meals such as mince, chicken in sauce, jars of pasta sauce, jars of jam or honey, desserts for children such as angel delight, jellies tinned rice pudding, small bottles of squash, small bottles of washing up liquid, unisex deodorant

Today's Mass readings:**First reading Malachi 4:1-2a**

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. R cf. 9

The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands.

The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness.

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Gospel**Luke 21:5-19**

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'