

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year A

EASTER SUNDAY

5th April 2026

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

EASTER VIGIL 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass. People of the parish

EASTER SUNDAY 9am Dr Peter Rodrigues RIP

11am Necie McNamara RIP.

Monday 10am Laura De Souza RIP

Tuesday 10am. Priest's int.

Wednesday 6.30pm Priest's int.

Thursday 10am Chris McGivv RIP

Friday 10am 40th Wedding anniversary of Betty & Tony Dady **Exposition until 11am**

Saturday 6pm Priest's int.

Sunday 9am Intentions of Neil Gedala

Sunday 11am Yvonne Ireland RIP



*A very happy and blessed Easter
to you and your loved ones.*

*May the Risen Lord shed his light
upon you and guide your path
in the way of His peace.*

*May you be missionaries to others
of Easter hope & joy
by your way of life.*

FR Peter Deacon Tony

A great St Aidan's welcome to Neil Watson as he becomes a Catholic Christian at the Easter Vigil !

Please pray for the sick and housebound

Mary Archer, Eileen Joyce, Mary Murray, Jim Mons, Norah Johnson, Ed & Mary Mulhearn, Claire Longworth, Brigid O'Donnell, Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown, Gill Lands, Eileen Mallows, Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman, Pat Kelly, Marion McCluskey, Charlie Hooke, Allen Reilly, Sarah Bell, Juliette Hinds, Veronica Lydon, Sammy McCarroll, Rosie Longworth, Trudy Kiely, John Cooksey, Geoff Wood, David Heaney, 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.

We welcome Fr Melus who will be staying in our parish for his Easter break from Easter Sunday evening until Wednesday 15th April. He came from Zimbabwe six months ago to serve in our diocese and is currently an assistant priest in Tunbridge Wells parish. Our priests from abroad can't easily find affordable places to stay for a short break so I was very pleased to offer accommodation. Fr Melus kindly suggested that I could also have a break while he is here as he was happy to say the Masses at St Aidan's during his stay. How could I refuse ?!!

Fr Peter

'Easter offerings' is today's only collection.

The collection at the Easter Masses is the main source of personal income for priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes throughout England. Catholic priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. They are therefore dependent on the Christmas & Easter offerings for personal income. At the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning Masses the offertory basket collection, the card reader, website 'donate' and QR code. BACS for Easter Sunday are designated as 'Easter offerings'. Parishioners' main responsibility is to the priest of their own parish, not the parish they may be visiting at Easter. If you are going away you may wish to put your contribution in an envelope and post it through the Parish House letterbox or leave it in the sacristy marked 'Easter offering'. Any cheques should be made payable to the parish bank account 'RCAS Coulsdon' for banking purposes. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme, please use the relevant envelope. The parish benefits from the GA not the priest.



There will be no newsletter next weekend. The Mass intentions are below.

Year A

**Second Sunday of Easter
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

12th April 2026

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

11th Saturday 6pm Priest's int.

12th Sunday 9am Intentions of Neil Gedala **Sunday 11am** Yvonne Ireland RIP

13th Monday 10am Leonard Gates RIP

14th Tuesday 10am Priest's int.

15th Wednesday 6.30pm Canon Gary Pierce RIP

16th Thursday 10am Fr Peter's intention

17th Friday 10am Fr Tim Buckley RIP **Exposition until 11am**

18th Saturday 6pm Mary Crehan RIP

19th Sunday 9am Elizabeth McCarroll RIP **Sunday 11am** People of the parish

At this time of year it is important to recall that two Church precepts (laws) concern the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) and the sacrament of the Eucharist - Holy Communion.

PRECEPT. "You shall confess your sins at least once a year" This ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

PRECEPT. "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." This guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the feast of Easter, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy. (Easter season is between Easter Sunday and Trinity Sunday - 15th June.)

**Join us for a delightful
St George's Day celebration!**

On Sunday 19th April after 11 am Mass, enjoy a traditional cream tea for just £5, children's options available.
Drinks available at the bar.

Come along, relax, and celebrate with good company and a taste of English tradition.
We look forward to seeing you there!

The social committee wish to thank everyone for their support and contributions to the St. Patrick's Day event, especially the raffle which raised £220 for the Royal Marsden Charity.

Gift Aid Envelopes.

SOME of the new sets of Gift Aid Offertory envelopes are now available for collection from the table at the back of church. The boxes of envelopes are for those who make their Offertory donation at Mass in cash or by cheque. The reason it is 'some' is because not all of them have arrived. This is due to an administrative error outside of our control. The missing boxes of envelopes will be arriving in a couple of weeks.

Background on the Easter Gospel Reading.

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All four Gospels have an account of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Although the accounts differ depending on the point each Evangelist wishes to make, two points of the Resurrection testimony are common to all four Gospels: 1) The tomb of Jesus was found empty and 2) The risen Christ appeared to certain persons. Matthew tells us that, as Mary Magdalene and the other Mary approached the tomb, there was a great earthquake, and "an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it." The guards stationed at the tomb were terrified and "became like dead men." The angel then assured the women that Jesus "has been raised just as he said." The women, "fearful yet overjoyed," left the tomb as the angel instructed to tell the disciples. On their way, Jesus met and greeted the women who "embraced his feet and did him homage." Jesus himself then sends the women to "tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The mention of a great earthquake is peculiar to Matthew's account of the Resurrection. Metaphorically, it indicates the coming of a new and final age brought about through the life, teaching, ministry, and particularly through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Notable also is the fact that Jesus' first appearance is to women, the women who came to minister to him. Finally, not to be overlooked, is Jesus' use of the word "brothers" to refer to his disciples. It seems to be indicative of a new and different relationship that Jesus has with them. The disciples are now entrusted with the message and mission of the risen Jesus Christ.

Today's readings:

First reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

*This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second reading Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes

We say the sequence together.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, towards the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.' So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.'