

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

28th June 2026

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

Saturday 6pm Kathleen Foody RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am People of the parish

Sunday 11am James Heneghan RIP

Monday 10am Bernie Lavelle RIP

Tuesday NO MASS

Wednesday 6.30pm People of the parish

Thursday 10am Intentions of Anita Fyfield

Friday 11am FUNERAL MASS OF VIVIEN ALDRIDGE. *St Thomas the Apostle*

Saturday 6pm People of the parish

Sunday 9am Kathleen Gaffney RIP **11am** Thomas Tharakan RIP and deceased family members

**Life breakfast after 9am Mass.
Bar open after 11am Mass.**

Today's second collection, Peter's Pence.

For the Pope's administration of the church and for his charitable projects. The Holy Father and the Apostolic See needs to exercise works of mercy and charity. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs and to humanitarian initiatives as well as the central administration of the Church.

Recently we learnt the sad news of the death of a much loved parishioner Benedict McHugo, (11am Mass). He died swimming in the sea in Dubrovnik. It was a place he loved and visited often for short breaks.

May he see the merciful face of God in heaven.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Jim Mons, Norah Johnson, Ed Mulhearn, Claire Longworth, 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, 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.

This Sunday is the solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul.

Today we celebrate the solemnity of St Peter & St Paul. The Apostles Peter and Paul both suffered martyrdom in Rome for the sake of the Gospel. Peter was crucified; Paul had Roman citizenship and therefore was given the 'privilege' of not being nailed to a cross - he was beheaded by the sword.

Both men were very different in personality and in character. They were called to serve the Gospel in different ways, Peter was chosen to convert the Jews, Paul was given the task of preaching to the Gentiles, those outside Israel.

Apart from their calling to serve Christ and their martyrdom in Rome, there was another important common aspect in their lives, neither were natural apostles. Both succeeded in their apostolic work through the grace of God. Peter often fell short in following Christ and denied him on the night of his passion. Paul before his conversion persecuted the Christians to the point of collaboration in their execution, as with St Stephen the first martyr. This feast is a celebration of the triumph of grace over human weakness. It is good to recall that it is the same grace which Christ gives to us, his disciples of today.

Fr. Peter



**Celebrate Summer with
St Aidans BBQ Sunday 28th June
12 noon onward.**



Live Music

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM AFTER MASS

or via socialclubstaidans@gmail.com

Adults £5; Children £2.50
Strawberries & Cream £3

Children's activities including
face painting and lucky dip



Raffle for Princess Alice Hospice
in memory of Mary Archer



Afternoon Tea Friday 3rd July at 4pm in the church hall for a donation of £5.00. To book a place please speak to Brenda Eydman after 9am Mass or ring 01737 552610

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME. Cash £581,
Standing Orders £810, Card reader £281
Total income: £1,672
of which c £811 was gift-aided.

2nd Collection: Day for life: £312

Thank you.

First Confession & First Holy Communion 2026. Preparation begins in September.

Final week to enrol.

If you wish to enrol your child for the parish preparation programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion you must request a booking slip from outside church after Mass this weekend.

WEEKLY MASS for Catholic parent and child is an essential condition for being accepted on the preparation programme. The preparation programme is parish based. Those who live outside the Parish boundary are not eligible to enrol unless they have already attended here weekly for at least the past year. Attendance at St Aidan's School is not relevant as it is a parish programme.

It will not be possible for us to accommodate individual children who have other sport and cultural interests during session times. For this brief period the First Confession and First Communion preparation must take precedence.

I am grateful to the parishioners who have agreed to give up their time to be Catechists. The role of the Priest and catechists is to supplement the input of the parent and support the parent in accomplishing the commitment made at Baptism to "train their child in the practice of the faith". While our School is not directly involved in running the programme it provides essential support for the children who are preparing for the sacraments.

Sacraments of Initiation for adults. BAPTISM - CONFIRMATION - COMMUNION.

Becoming a Catholic ... or receiving the Sacraments of Initiation as an adult. Journey-in-Faith— BEGINS IN AUTUMN The course is for: • Those who wish to become members of the Catholic Church; • OR those who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation as adults (18 yrs. and over); 'Come and see' - you are not committed to becoming a Catholic if you attend but it will help you to think more about it. Ask Fr Peter for an enrolment form or email him couldson@rcaos.org.uk

WAF SYMPOSIUM LONDON FATIMA AND FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Brother Oliver warmly encourages you to register free of charge for the Fatima Symposium in London, organised by the World Apostolate of Fatima. Please feel free to share this invitation with your friends and family so that others may also benefit from this grace-filled event. A day of faith, prayer, and renewal under Our Lady's mantle. DATE: Sunday, 22nd November 2026

VENUE 1: St Mary's Catholic Church, Chelsea, 63 Cadogan Street, London SW3 2QP

TIME: 12:30 - 14:00 (Mass followed by Procession)

VENUE 2: St Thomas More Language College, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, London, SW3 2QS

TIME: 14:00 - 19:00 (Symposium)

COST: Free (Please register for seating)

Please bring your own packed lunch

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/waf-symposium-london>

CONTACT US: 07788473210 (Mon-Fri 9:00-17:00) membership@waf-ew.org.uk

There Is No Place For Racism

Archbishop John has sent a Pastoral Message concerning the Dignity of Every Person.

To the clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Five years ago, I wrote to every parish and school with a message that remains essential to our identity as followers of the Lord Jesus: there is no place for racism. Today, I reaffirm that conviction and invite everyone in our Archdiocese to renew their commitment to building communities where every person is welcomed, valued, and loved.

As Christians, at the heart of our faith stands the unshakeable truth that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God. This is why the dignity of every person is not something that can be earned or bestowed, but is inherent in the very fact of being human. Each of us is created by God and loved by God – without exception. Jesus teaches clearly that to be his disciples, we need to love the stranger, include the marginalised, and break down the barriers of division. His command is that we should love one another as he has loved us, and this must shape our pastoral practice in the service of the common good.

To love as Christ loves is to welcome without prejudice, to listen with compassion, and to ensure that all who enter our churches and schools find a place of safety, respect, and belonging. This is true, not least, for people who are refugees seeking sanctuary from situations of war, oppression, and tyranny. As Jesus himself teaches us, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.” This is why, in justice, we must treat every person with respect and love.

Our Archdiocese is blessed with extraordinary diversity. The people in our parishes and schools reflect a rich tapestry of cultures, languages, and histories. Honouring this diversity is a beautiful gift that strengthens our witness to the Gospel and enriches our shared life of faith.

In continuing to be a welcoming Church, we reject all forms of racism. This means creating communities where every person feels safe, valued, and heard. It means seeking to foster a culture of encounter and friendship where differences become opportunities for mutual understanding and growth.

I ask everyone in our Archdiocese to reflect the boundless love of Christ, and to renew their commitment to genuine welcome, and to opening their minds and hearts in service to people who are vulnerable, whatever their circumstances. The measure of the love we show to the person in need is the measure of the love we show to Christ.

May our Archdiocese continue to be a beacon of unity sustained by Christ's commandment: to “love one another just as I have loved you” (John 13:34).



✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark.

Given at Southwark 17 June 2026

PURLEY FOOD HUB are always very grateful for our donations. Please leave food items in church porch. Preferences for this month: Long life whole milk, jars of fish & meat paste, vegetarian toddler microwavable trays (10months+), drinking chocolate requiring only hot water, pasta sauce in cartons, packets of dried potato requiring only hot water, tinned/long life vegetarian meals, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, unisex deodorant, bars of soap, clothes washing pods

WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE.

Croydon Refugee Centre are always grateful for our donations. Current needs: 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.

Today's readings.

First reading Acts 12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5

From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Second reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'