

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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ORDINARY TIME ~ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

12th July 2026

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

Saturday 6pm Maura Puckett RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Desmond Shanley RIP

Sunday 11am Clement and Yvonne Ireland RIP

Monday 10am 1) Maggie D'Cunha RIP; 2) People of the parish

Tuesday 10am Priest's intention

Wednesday 6.30pm People of the parish

St Bonaventure

Thursday 10am Clara Dhinoy RIP

Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Friday 10am Evelyn Mary Bishop **Exposition until 11am**

Saturday 6pm Gemma Mazzalovo RIP

Sunday 9am **11am** Joanne Bernard-Hill RIP.

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

This weekend second collection:

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea):

Stella Maris is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare services and advice, practical help, care and friendship. Stella Maris in Great Britain is part of an international network, working in more than 250 ports around the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship. However, the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly in this collection.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Desmond Harris, Jim Mons, Norah Johnson, Brian Fernandes, 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.

Book/jigsaw sale

After the 11am mass this Sunday cash only.

International Social Event.**Sunday 19th July after 11am Mass in the Church Hall.**

We plan to come together to celebrate our roots and our diversity; to help us do that we'd like to invite you to bring along your favourite dish fit for an international buffet whether it be your mother's quiche recipe or your gran's curry.

We look forward to be able to share these dishes together!!

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.

Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030.

Prayer of Intercession for our neighbours in Venezuela

We pray for people affected by the earthquake in Venezuela and for CAFOD's church partners who are helping provide emergency shelter, food and water. Lord hear us.

Taskforce will next happen on the last Saturday of August 29th .

In the meantime the hedges grow quickly. If anyone has a hedge cutter and they can do a bit please carry on any day any time during the summer. Otherwise it will be huge job again by the end of August.

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, tinned plain meat: corned beef / chicken / ham, pasta sauce in cartons please, tinned carrots, jars of jam, concentrated fruit squash in small plastic discs if possible, tinned rice pudding, puddings, jellies, angel delight, packets of sweet biscuits, children's sweet & chocolate treats, shampoo.

Fr James George has arrived from Nigeria to supply here at St Aidan's and later in Sidcup parish. Fr Peter will be going away for a month from 19th July. No doubt you will give Fr James a great welcome and some practical geographical guidance about the local area and London. Maybe invite him for a meal.

At the last meeting of the PPC Simon Archer was chosen to be Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council. We thank Simon for being willing to serve the parish in this way for a two year term.

SOCIAL EVENT COMING UP

20 Sept - back to school BBQ; join us to say goodbye to summer

Church Shop.

A new supply of rosary beads is available. Children's rosaries are also suitable for adults.

Summer Masses in the Hospital

There will be NO Weekly Masses in the Hospital during the month of AUGUST.

Wednesday Masses will resume on Wednesday 2nd September at 12 noon. All are most welcome.

Archbishop John Sherrington has expressed his deep disappointment that the Assisted Suicide Bill will return to Parliament.

Read his statement at tinyurl.com/3vt5hetv.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME. Cash £577, Standing Orders £810, Card reader £325
Total income: £1,712
of which c £803 was gift-aided.

Thank you.

To Gif Aid your offertory contact Jed Murphy the GA coordinator to make arrangements.
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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.

The text of today's Gospel - Mt 13:4-23 is set out below using a table format.

It is helpful to view it in this form.

Today's Gospel Mt. 13 V 4 - 23	The seed is scattered and falls.	The outcome	Jesus explains the parable	Where am I ? Which box should I tick ?
A	Some seeds fell on the edge of the path, <i>(Surface only - superficial)</i>	and the birds came and ate them up.	When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without allowing it to sink in, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart.	
B	Other seeds fell on patches of rock where they found a little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; <i>(No root development)</i>	but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away.	This is the one who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy, ... BUT he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once.	
C	Other seeds fell among thorns, <i>(Environment not conducive to growth and life)</i>	and the thorns grew up and choked them.	This is the one who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing.	
D	Other seeds fell on rich soil <i>(Fertile soil and life giving environment)</i>	and the seeds produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.	This the one who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'	

Pope Francis reflects on today's Gospel.



“This parable speaks to each of us today, as it spoke to the listeners of Jesus two thousand years ago. It reminds us that we are the land where the Lord tirelessly throws the seed of His Word and His love. What is our disposition when we receive it? How is our heart? What does the ground look like: a path, a stone, a thorn bush? It's up to us to become good soil without thorns or stones, but tilled and cultivated with care, so that it can bring forth good fruit for us and for our brothers and sisters. At every Mass, the good seed of the Gospel is sown in us ever anew, by means of the table of the Word of God: a seed to be accepted, to safeguard, to live. Even in these summer months, during the holiday period, it is important to participate every Sunday at this table, to draw light and strength for our journey”.

Pope Leo's intention for July.

In his prayer intention for the month of July, the Pope is praying "for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

A video of the pope praying for respect for human life was released by the Vatican July 2. The monthly "[Pray with the Pope](#)" video is prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

Pope Leo's July prayer intention focuses on respect for human life in all stages

Recognizing that the Lord has created each person in love and calls everyone to live in fullness, the pope said in the video: "Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth."

Today's readings.

First reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

Responsorial Psalm 65(64)

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy.

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

Second reading Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not

only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Then the disciples came to Jesus and he said to them:

'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'