

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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ORDINARY TIME ~ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

19th July 2026

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

Saturday 6pm Gemma Mazzalovo RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am People of the parish

Sunday 11am Joanne Bernard-Hill RIP.

Monday 10am Souls in Purgatory **Confessions after Mass.**

Tuesday 10am

Wednesday 6.30pm *St Mary Magdalene* **Confessions after Mass.**

Thursday 10am Intentions of Dolly Back *St Bridget of Sweden*

Friday 10am Michael and Mary Bermingham **Exposition until 11am**

Saturday 6pm Giovanna Mallozzi RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Priest's intention. **11am** Rosie Longworth RIP

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

Second collection this weekend.

This weekend we welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor to our parish. They are making an appeal for their work with the elderly. Much of their work involves providing residential care for people.

This is the last Newsletter before the summer break. The Mass intention list is attached for the coming weeks. Where there are no intentions it means it can be booked. Please see Fr James if you want a Mass intention on the available dates. The stipend should be given to him directly.

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Kit Gralton, 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession.

Having a visiting priest is a good opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness. Fr James will hear Confession after 10am Mass this Monday 20th July. He will also be available after every Wednesday 6.30pm evening Mass for the next five weeks. Confessions after Saturday 6pm Masses will continue as usual.

International Social Event.

This 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!!

SOCIAL EVENT COMING UP

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

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.

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 £579, Standing Orders £810, Card reader £270
Total income: £1,659
of which c £835 was gift-aided.

2nd Collection: Stella Maris - Apostleship of the Sea £428 Thank you.

To Gift Aid your offertory contact Jed Murphy the GA coordinator to make arrangements.
couldsdongac@rcaos.org.uk

Message from the diocese concerning scams.

We would like to make you aware of a new type of scam that is now targeting individuals within our parish communities through WhatsApp.

Cyber criminals are increasingly using artificial intelligence (AI) to create convincing videos, voice messages and written communications while impersonating members of the clergy. Their aim is to deceive unsuspecting individuals into believing they are communicating with a priest, bishop, or other Parish representative before requesting money or donations.

The material includes:

- An AI-generated video depicting the Archbishop of Westminster.
- A fake WhatsApp conversation.
- A request for a financial donation.

These are entirely fraudulent and have been created to persuade recipients that they are communicating with the Archbishop personally. Similar techniques could be used to impersonate any member of the clergy.

We ask that you please remain vigilant and remind your parishioners to do the same. In particular, please encourage them to:

- Never assume that a WhatsApp message or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy.
 - Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms.
 - Always verify the identity of the sender by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known telephone number or official email address before responding to any request.
- Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>.

We would be grateful if you could make an announcement at Masses and through your parish communications to raise awareness of this emerging threat. The more people who are aware of these scams, the less likely they are to become victims.

Please help us spread this warning as widely as possible throughout your parish communities, particularly among those who may be more vulnerable to this type of fraud.

Ladywell Franciscan Retreat Centre - Godalming, Surrey.

Ashstead Lane GU7 1ST

franciscancentre.org.uk

Visit the above website to see details all the available events at this Catholic retreat centre in a beautiful setting.

Of particular interest is the weekend retreat from Friday 2nd @ 4pm - Sunday 4th October @ 2pm
Full board and input £220

A Retreat with Francis of Assisi – his life and message for today

A retreat led by the FCL Team

on the 800th anniversary of our beloved Francis of Assisi's death.

Speak to Fr Peter today if you would like to join him on this weekend.

Come away to the beautiful surroundings of Ladywell, steeped in God's creation, surrounded by awe-inspiring beauty and journey into greater depths with God and creation as we explore the life of the most famous of Saints, Francis of Assisi.

2026 marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis, a simple poor man with a profound understanding of God and creation.

Journey with us as we explore key moments in his life and look at what his theology and spirituality speaks into our world today, all these years later and see how relevant he still is and how he can accompany us as we walk our Gospel life in our unique way, in his footsteps.

Background on today's Gospel Reading.

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In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEKS.

SUPPLY PRIEST: Fr James George. Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria.

**Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are at 10am.
Wednesday 6.30pm followed by Confessions.**

Day	Date	Name
Monday	20/07/2026	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	21/07/2026	
Wednesday	22/07/2026	
Thursday	23/07/2026	Intention of Dolly Back
Friday	24/07/2026	Michael & Mary Bermingham
Saturday 6pm	25/07/2026	Giovanna Mallozzi RIP
Sunday 9am	26/07/2026	Priest's int
Sunday 11am	26/07/2026	Rosie Longworth RIP
Monday	27/07/2026	Thanksgiving - Dolly Back
Tuesday	28/07/2026	
Wednesday	29/07/2026	Kelleher Family deceased members
Thursday	30/07/2026	Maggie D'Cunha RIP
Friday	31/07/2026	Cotta & Back Family
Saturday 6pm	01/08/2026	Steve Wren RIP
Sunday 9am	02/08/2026	Priest's int
Sunday 11am	02/08/2026	Yvonne Ireland RIP
Monday	03/08/2026	Kevin Leavey RIP
Tuesday	04/08/2026	
Wednesday	05/08/2026	
Thursday	06/08/2026	Mary, Bertha & Relations
Friday	07/08/2026	Peter & Daphne Kavanagh
Saturday 6pm	08/08/2026	
Sunday 9am	09/08/2026	Priest's int
Sunday 11am	09/08/2026	Bernard Daly RIP
Monday	10/08/2026	Kathleen Spiterie RIP
Tuesday	11/08/2026	
Wednesday	12/08/2026	
Thursday	13/08/2026	Fr Oscar Leake RIP.
Friday	14/08/2026	Peace in the World
Saturday 6pm Assumption of Mary	15/08/2026	Tony O'Connor RIP
Sunday 9am Assumption	16/08/2026	Priest's int
Sunday 11am Assumption	16/08/2026	Gramatie Filiadis RIP
Monday	17/08/2026	Kevin Leavey RIP - 1st Anniversary
Tuesday	18/08/2026	Sr. Yvonne Francis - 70th birthday
Wednesday	19/08/2026	
Thursday	20/08/2026	Dolly Back's Intention
Friday	21/08/2026	
Saturday 6pm	22/08/2026	

Today's readings.

First reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Responsorial Psalm 86(85)

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication.

All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me.

Second reading Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the

crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?"' He said to them,

"An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " "

He put another parable before them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable. 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.'

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.'

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.'

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.

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.