

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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Year A

22nd Sunday of Ordinary time.

30th August 2026

Solemnity of St Aidan ~ parish patron.

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

Saturday 6pm Simon & Heather Archer - 35th Wedding anniversary

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am People of the parish

Sunday 11am Intentions of Neil Tharakan

Monday 10am Welfare of Aida Pereira **Tuesday** No Mass here.

Wednesday 6.30pm Welfare of Carmen Moniz

Thursday 10am Intentions of Moniz family. *St Gregory the Great - Feast.*

Friday 10am Intentions of Moniz family. **Exposition until 11am**

Saturday 6pm Siobhan Crowley RIP. **Confessions after Mass.**

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

This weekend there will be an appeal with a second collection for the St Martin's Missions which is the Dominican English Province mission in the West Indies.

We welcome Fr Peter Harries OP.

On Sunday 13th September, Archbishop John will visit our parish to celebrate the 11am Mass and join us in the hall afterwards .

SOCIAL EVENT COMING UP

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

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Kit Gralton, 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.

The funeral Mass for Mary Crowe RIP
will be here on Tuesday 15th September at 11am.
All parishioners welcome.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of St Aidan, patron of our parish. The date of St Aidan's feast day is 31st August. But we have moved it to this Sunday, including Saturday vigil. All three parish Masses this weekend will be in honour of St Aidan.

Aidan was a native of Ireland. He became a monk and travelled to Iona in Scotland. When the Christian King Oswald returned from exile on Iona to his kingdom of Northumbria, he invited the monks of Iona to provide missionaries to instruct his people in Christianity. After initial difficulties, Aidan was consecrated bishop and sent with a group of Irish monks to begin this task. He established a monastery on the island of Lindisfarne which became the centre of a major missionary effort in the North of England.



From Lindisfarne Aidan journeyed throughout Northumberland, usually on foot, and working closely with King Oswald who found him to be a wise adviser and a good personal friend. After Oswald's death in 642, Aidan continued this work under his successor, Oswin, but when Oswin himself was killed nine years later, Aidan did not long survive him and died two weeks later in 651.

According to the Venerable Bede, a renowned church historian, Aidan was a man of great gentleness and moderation, outstanding for his energetic missionary work. His influence on the North of England was enormous, and his wise promotion of Christian education among the native English laid the solid foundation for the spread of the Gospel in the centuries which followed his death.



Who paid the safe ? !

An envelope was placed in the church safe dated 8/8/'26. The only annotation was 'Cash £130 for safe'. *Who gave it and what was it for ? Who placed it in the safe ? Please see Fr Peter if you know about it.*

Is anyone going to Croydon in the coming week ?

Fr Peter has documents for the registry office at the Town Hall to be hand delivered. Please let Fr Peter know if you can help.

Today's Gospel.

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Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

From the repertoire of Gospel songs written by Dolly Parton.

Sacred memories often take me
To the place where I grew up
And that little country church
That I loved so much
I used to go there every time
That old church bell would ring
And I remember how I loved
the songs we used to sing



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Rest in peace.*

They were singin'
"Lord I'm Comin Home"
When I got saved
And when I got baptized they sang
"Amazing Grace"
And oh how sweet the sound
when everybody would join in
And sing my favorite song,
"If We Never Meet Again"

Where the charming roses bloom forever
And when separation comes no more
If we never meet again
This side of heaven
I will meet you on that beautiful shore.

My Mama loved to sing
And she sang clear and loud
I can close my eyes and I hear Mama now
I remember a song my Mama always loved so much
She always sang the loudest singin'
"Power In The Blood"

Oh there's power, power
Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb.
There is power, power, wonder workin' power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

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.

Afternoon Tea Friday 4th September in the church hall at 4 o'clock for a donation of £5.00. If you would like to book a place, please speak to Brenda Eydman after the 9 o'clock Mass or telephone 01737 552610

Moving statue at St Aidan's !

Please could we have some help to move the Holy Family statue after 11am Mass today as the chapel is being decorated this week. Please take the staff off first as it is free standing.

The decoration of that area has been requested by very many people as the old black water stains on the wall make the chapel look shabby.

For the coming week, the statue, table and candle stand can go in the alcove outside that chapel opposite the front benches.

The crucifix in the grounds outside will also be treated and painted. The wood would start to rot without that essential maintenance.

Church sound system upgrade.

Thank you to Roy Misra who has spent much time and effort using his skills to upgrade the church sound. As always, he gave of his time as a volunteer.

You may notice some differences depending on where you sit. Getting the settings balanced for the different parts of the church with several speakers is a matter of trial and error. We would like your feedback (no pun intended !) to help get the clearest sound we can for you. If it sounds better let us know or if you can't hear very well tell us where you sit.

There are two particular places you can comment on: reader at lectern and priest at chair

It's not just about volume of sound, - Is the message distinct and clear for you.

We have the loop system for those with hearing aids and it works very well.

Speak to Fr Peter, Roy or send an email to the parish office couldson@rcaos.org.uk

March for life this year is on Saturday 5th September beginning at 1.30 pm from the Emmanuel centre 9-23 Marsham St., London SW1P 3DW. Activities at the centre from 10am

The March itself had 100,000 participants last year and very much in line with what we would normally do on a Corpus Christie procession, hymns sung, Rosary prayed, Divine Mercy, speakers at parliament square. People cluster around various leaders and join into what they are doing.

Whole families, confirmations Children all ages take part. This year at least 14 Bishops are taking part and leading by example.

Join the Croydon Deanery group this year, with sound box, microphone, and musician - email for further information marchforlife4@gmail.com

Bishops attending this year at least 14 including Archbishop John Wilson, Paul Hendricks and Paul Mason. Archbishop Richard Moth will preside at the Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10am

Today's readings.

First reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

Ps 63(62)

*For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;*

*for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.*

*I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.*

*I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.*

For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Second reading Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'