



# St Aidan of Lindisfarne

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

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## PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is open  
 Tuesday, Wednesday,  
 Thursday, 10.30am - 1pm.  
 Please contact the office for  
 hall bookings, baptism  
 certificates and other general  
 queries.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</i>	6.30pm Bernadine Creed-Harry RIP
SUNDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10am People of the Parish
MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)</i>	10am Louis Goornaden RIP
TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>EASTER FERIA</i>	10am Meliton Jr Simangan RIP
THURSDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>ST STANISLAUS, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR (MEMORIAL)</i>	10am Daniel Beary INT
FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>EASTER FERIA</i>	10am Daniel Beary INT
SATURDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>EASTER FERIA</i>	6.30pm Rose Collins RIP
SUNDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10am People of the Parish

## FROM THE PARISH DIARY

THU 11 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	After 10am Mass	Church Cleaning
SAT 13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	3pm 5.30pm to 6.15pm	Baptism Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions

## MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

APRIL

*For the Role of Women*

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## PARISH NOTICES

### THE EASTER SEASON

This Sunday marks the last day of the Easter Octave. Both Christmas and Easter are feasts of such **significance that they are followed by a week when we treat every day as if it's the feast day itself, so that the feast effectively lasts for eight days, hence the term 'octave'**. This Sunday is also sometimes known as the Sunday '*in albis*', meaning 'in white', because adults newly baptised on Easter night would return to Mass wearing their white baptismal garments. It's also known as 'Quasimodo Sunday' because the first option of the Entrance Antiphon for this Mass begins with 'Like', which in Latin is '*Quasi modo*' (literally 'in the same manner as'). It's not anything to do with the character in the Hunchback of Notre Dame! Finally, this Sunday is also known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday' because St John Paul II wanted to use this Sunday to encourage devotion to the Lord's Divine Mercy following on from the spiritual writings of St Faustina Kowalska. The Easter Season itself lasts for seven weeks until Pentecost Sunday so do continue to **celebrate the Lord's Resurrection and renew your baptismal faith in him and what the Resurrection has accomplished for us.**

### EASTER WATER

There is still Easter water in the vat on the sanctuary so do continue to help yourself to it. You may want to fill a bottle with the Easter water so you can take it home and sprinkle your homes with it, invoking **God's blessing upon you and your family in this holy season.**

### NEW ENVELOPE BOXES, GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDERS

The new envelope boxes are available in the church porch for collection. Boxes are arranged in alphabetical order of surname. If you do not have a box and would like one, please speak to Fr Mark who will provide you with a form to fill out, after which he can provide you with a box of envelopes. This is because boxes need to be individually assigned. If you are a UK income tax payer, you can also use this form to gift aid your offering, which allows us to claim an extra 25% from HM Treasury at no cost to you. If you are expecting a box but yours appears to be missing, likewise please speak to Fr Mark; it may be that your details need updating. It is also possible to give to the parish by standing order, which means the parish is paid automatically from your bank account. If you would like to give in this way, Fr Mark can provide you with the form to fill out.

### PROPOSED SANCTUARY WORKS

For some time, Fr Mark has been working on a plan to try to improve the space of the sanctuary. As you know, apart from when there is a service taking place, the church is closed. Given the level of footfall, it would be wonderful to have the church more open so that people can use it as a place of prayer and sanctuary. If order for this to happen, however, the church needs to be made more secure, a process that will need to take place in stages. A key element is to better secure the tabernacle, which contains the Blessed Sacrament, and the sanctuary more generally. This also provides an opportunity to further **enhance our beautiful worship space. The plan, therefore, is to create a new 'reredos' on the higher level of the sanctuary, which is currently vacant, leaving a rather strange void at the back of the sanctuary. The reredos would be fronted by coloured glass, echoing the church's existing stained glass. The tabernacle would be secured on the reredos and surrounded by six candles. This would place Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, at the centre of the sanctuary, where he originally was, fostering greater prayer and devotion to his real presence. It would also mean that the Lady Altar, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, could once again be a better focus for our love and prayer for her. In addition to this work, the lighting of the sanctuary and the side aisles would be updated with modern LED lighting, reducing lighting costs and further enhancing the ambience of the church. Plans are available to view in the porch. Fr Mark would welcome constructive feedback about the plans. After all, St Aidan's is your church so if the greater feeling is that things are fine the way they are, that's good to hear. It would, however, have implications for how we can use our wonderful church building into the future. Thank you very much.**