



St Aidan of Lindisfarne

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 14TH 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 13 TH APRIL <i>EASTER FERIA</i>	6.30pm Rose Collins RIP
SUNDAY 14 TH APRIL <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10am People of the Parish
MONDAY 15 TH APRIL <i>EASTER FERIA</i>	10am John Owusu-Ayirebi RIP
TUESDAY 16 TH APRIL <i>EASTER FERIA</i>	10am Daniel Beary INT
THURSDAY 18 TH APRIL <i>EASTER FERIA</i>	10am Patcian O'Brian
FRIDAY 19 TH APRIL <i>ST ALPHEGE, BISHOP & MARTYR (MEMORIAL)</i>	10am Anglean Mike Fitzgerald
SATURDAY 20 TH APRIL <i>EASTER FERIA</i>	6.30pm Daniel Beary INT
SUNDAY 21 ST APRIL <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	10am People of the Parish

FROM THE PARISH DIARY

MON 15 TH APRIL	7pm	Confirmation Session (Meeting Room)
THU 18 TH APRIL	After 10am Mass 7pm	Church Cleaning Bible Timeline (Meeting Room)
SAT 20 TH APRIL	5.30pm to 6.15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
SUN 21 ST APRIL	After 10am Mass After 10am Mass	First Holy Communion Session (Hall) First Holy Communion Parent Session (Meeting Room)

PARISH NOTICES

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The confirmation programme resumes on Monday 15th April at 7pm in the meeting room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The first holy communion programme resumes next Sunday 21st April after the 10am Mass with sessions for both the children in the hall and the final parent session in the meeting room.

BIBLE TIMELINE

The Bible Timeline series continues on Thursday 18th at 7pm in the meeting room, looking at the Royal Kingdom period of King David and King Solomon.

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.

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.