ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**17th August 2025**

*Dear Parishioners,*

*It is my great pleasure to begin to serve this parish of St. Aidan's as your new Parish Priest, alongside my brothers Fr. Brendan, Fr. Christian, Deacon Tito and Francis. We hope that you can welcome us with open arms as we embark on this new journey together.*

*~ Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku*





**Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku CSSp**

*Parish Priest*

I am originally from Ghana and a member of the Religious Missionary Order of Holy Ghost Fathers (The Spiritans). I have worked as Assistant Priest at Mary Immaculate & St Peter Church in New Barnet London, St. Luke's Parish in Manchester, Assistant Priest of the Good Shepherd in Dover, Chaplain for the Spiritan Youth Ministry in Manchester, Chaplain for St. George's High School and St. John Vianney RC School, a special needs school. I also worked as chaplain in North Manchester General Hospital, Manchester Prison (Strangeways), Parish Priest of St. Francis De Sales in Hartley, Kent and currently Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Acton. I also currently work as the Chaplain for the Immigration Removal Centre at Heathrow.



**Fr. Christian Egemonye CSSp**

*Assistant Priest*

I am originally from Nigeria and have spent my whole ministry as a Spiritan priest working in Paraguay for the past 16 years.



**Deacon Tito Pereira**

*Deacon*

In 2007, I was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Alan Hopes. I aide with witnessing marriages, baptisms and presiding at funerals and other functions such as preaching at Masses.



**Fr Brendan Okechukwu Aroh CSSp**

*Assistant Priest*

I am originally from Nigeria. I am also a Spiritan Priest with over 23 years of priestly pastoral experience working in ministries across Pakistan, Nigeria, USA and UK.



**Francis Dinh Tuong Bui CSSp**

*Seminarian*

I am from Vietnam. I am a Spiritan Seminarian. I am currently doing 2 years of pastoral ministry experience in the UK as part of my formation programme.

**The church is open** Tues to Fri, 9:00am to 6pm.
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
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**MASS TIMES**

**Monday:** No Mass (Church Closed)
Fr. Patrick at Immigration Centre
**Tuesday - Friday:** 10am
**Saturday**: 6.30pm
**Sunday**: 10am, 1pm (Ge'ez Rite)
**Holy Days of Obligation:** 10am, 7pm

# CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

**Welcome to everyone joining us for Mass today.**

We would like every parishioner to register with us so please pick up a form from the back of the church. You can also pick up a standing order form, if you'd like to gift aid any donations you give. If you are new, please introduce yourself to one of the priests.

**Thank you for coming!**

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## BUILDING UP OUR FAITH

**"Following Christ, Whatever the Cost"**

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Fr Derek SS.CC. on last Wednesday. Fr Derek served faithfully in Acton for many years, touching our lives with his ministry and kindness. He once shared that when he decided to become a priest, many who knew him could not accept it. His choice surprised some, disappointed others, and even caused division within circles he loved — yet he knew Christ was calling him, and he followed. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us why such experiences are not unusual for those who live the Gospel wholeheartedly. Jesus tells His disciples that He has come to bring "fire" to the earth — the fire of God's love and truth, which purifies and transforms. But that fire is not always welcomed. To follow Christ means making choices that may unsettle others, even those closest to us. Like Jesus, we may face misunderstanding or opposition when we live our faith openly. Fr Derek's life is a reminder that answering God's call is not about pleasing everyone, but about being faithful to the One who calls. When we allow Christ's fire to burn in our hearts, it changes us — and through us, it can change the world. May we, like Fr Derek, have the courage to follow wherever the Lord leads, trusting His promise of life that never ends. **~Deacon Tito**

## SPIRITAN NEWS

**GAP YEAR VOLUNTEERING WITH 'JUST YOUTH'** Are you 18 to 25 and wish to support young people in their holistic growth, discover and develop their talents through Chaplaincy and other outreach programs? Please contact Just Youth on www.justyouth.co.uk and apply.

**Lay Spiritans:** Any parishioner who is interested in becoming a lay Spiritan, please contact Fr Patrick or the Parish Office.

## Kids' Corner



# CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

## PAIRING OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST AIDAN PARISHES

The 'pairing' of Our Lady of Lourdes, Acton with the St Aidan of Lindisfarne, East Acton officially began on Thursday 14th August 2025.

Both parishes are now under Fr Patrick's guidance and leadership as Parish Priest. Fr. Patrick and Fr. Christian will reside at Our Lady of Lourdes, while Fr. Brendan and Francis will reside at St. Aidan's from September.

**Weekday Masses:** There will no longer be Mass on Mondays as Fr. Patrick works at the Immigration Centre and Fr. Brendan works at school.

**Bread & Wine:** From September you will be able to receive the Eucharist under both kinds at all Masses.

**Registration:** We would like all parishioners to register in the parish so that we can create a database of contact details. Please pick up a registration form from the back of the church and once filled in, return it to the Parish Office.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers Urgently Needed!** If you would like to be a Eucharistic Minister, please pick up a form from the back of the church, fill it in and return to the parish office.

**Ministers of the Word (Readers): Volunteers Urgently Needed!** Do you feel inspired to serve our Parish Community in this important ministry in the life of the Church? It would be wonderful to have more parishioners come forward for the next training course which will take place in the Autumn term. The course will enable you to proclaim the Word of God with confidence and deepen your love of the scriptures. Please complete the application form which you will find at the back of the church and return it to the parish office.

**OASIS: Announcing a new initiative.** OASIS is a space for prayer, reflection and exploring your faith - for new Catholics and those hungry for more. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month, starting on the 17th September in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall at 7pm for one hour. Contact Julie or Anthony Bull for further information at iclamjb@yahoo.com.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Fr Zvonimir Pavicic OFM, the parish priest of St James Medjugorje will lead the Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pilgrimage to Walsingham, which will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 25th August 2025. For more information email pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com

### SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of the parish. If you are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult has been harmed or is at risk of harm, please dial 999. Otherwise, contact our Parish Safeguarding Liaison Claire Sheedy: actoneastsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

### SACRAMENTS AT OUR PARISH

**Baptism:** Please go to the parish office to fill in the paperwork. You will need to attend the Baptism Preparation Course.

**Marriage:** Couples are required to give 6 months notice of marriage before the wedding and to fill out the necessary paperwork and attend a marriage course. Please call the office to set up a meeting with the priest to start the paperwork.

**RCIA:** (Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults) Would you like to become a Catholic? You can pick up a registration form from the back of the church.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Thursday 18th September 7.15pm-8.30pm. Are you thinking of becoming a Roman Catholic or do you know somebody else who is? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for welcoming adults into the Roman Catholic Church in preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This process welcomes non-baptised adults, adults baptised into another Christian Tradition, and Catholics who were baptised but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation or the Eucharist. It invites people to deepen their knowledge of Jesus and their relationship with Him. Weekly sessions take people through the key teachings of the Catholic faith and the issues facing Catholics in today's world. Come and join us on Thurs 18th September 7.15pm-8.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Please complete the Application Form which you will find at the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office.

**Acton Homeless Concern:** Use your financial expertise to support people facing homelessness in Acton. We're seeking a new Trustee with Treasurer responsibilities to join our committed Board (voluntary role). If you have financial experience and a passion for social impact, we'd love to hear from you. Acton Homeless Concern is a small grassroots charity, started by the priests and parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes over 35 years ago. We provide advice, support and hope for all people in need, in a safe and warm environment where everyone is welcome. Please email for more information and a full job description at admin@actonhomelessconcern.org.

# MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

**17th August 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 38: 4-6. 8-10 **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 12: 1-4 **Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53

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| **Saturday 16th August** | | |
| Mass of Sunday 6.30pm | Pro Populo | Special Intentions |
| **Sunday 17th August** | **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time** | |
| 10am | Lenatius McQueen | R.I.P. |
| 1pm | Ge'ez Rite | |
| **Monday 18th August** | **NO MASS** | |
| **Tuesday 19th August** | | |
| 10am | Acton Homeless Concern | Special Intentions |
| **Wed 20th August** | **St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church** | **Memorial** |
| 10am | Fr. Derek Laverty | R.I.P. |
| **Thursday 21st August** | **St Pius X, Pope** | **Memorial** |
| 10am | Hector Prendergast | Special Intentions |
| **Friday 22nd August** | **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** | **Memorial** |
| 10am | Sick Parishioner | Good Health Intentions |
| **Saturday 23rd August** | | |
| Mass of Sunday 6.30pm | | |
| **Sunday 24th August** | **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time** | |
| 10am | | |
| 1pm | Ge'ez Rite | |

**The Angelus:** This will be lead by a reader before the start of every Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 30 minutes before every Mass.

**Confessions:**
Weekdays 9.15am-9.45am
Saturdays 5.30pm-6.15pm

**Legion of Mary:** Every Friday after 10am Mass in the Sacristy.

**Mass Intentions:** We will soon have new Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the church that you can use for all your Mass intention requests. (£10 per intention). All intentions are published in the newsletter.
**Please book early in advance and provide an alternative date to secure your intention.**

**Celebrations:** Please let us know if you are celebrating a special anniversary or birthday so we can pray for you as a community and you can receive a blessing.

**Home Visits:** If you know someone in the parish, who would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office.

**Any items for the newsletter need to be received by the office by Thursday 12pm of that week.**