ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st September 2025



BUILDING UP OUR FAITH

Our Lady of Walsingham

This Wednesday we celebrate the feast of *Our Lady of Walsingham*. The shrine is a powerful reminder of God's incredible love for us, revealed in the mystery of the Incarnation. In a quiet Norfolk village, Lady Richeldis was shown a vision of the Holy House of Nazareth, where God chose to dwell among us in the humility of a human family. Walsingham invites us to reflect on this great mystery: that the eternal Word became flesh, entering our world to save it.

The history of Walsingham also shows the resilience of faith. Henry VIII and others sought to destroy the shrine, yet the devotion it inspired never disappeared. Faith, like Christ Himself, endures even through trials. What was once broken has been restored, and pilgrims continue to come, drawn by the same call to encounter God made man.

England was once called the "Dowry of Mary," a reminder that our country was entrusted to God's care from the beginning of its Christian life. Walsingham encourages us to remember that God's presence is not distant: He comes to dwell with us, in our lives, in our homes, and in our hearts.

For us today, Walsingham is a sign of hope. It tells us that no matter how far we may drift, God's love always reaches us. The Incarnation calls us back to Him, and in Christ, Emmanuel, God is truly with us.

~Deacon Tito

Dear Friend in Christ,

Welcome to St. Aidan's Church! Whether you are visiting for the first time, returning after some time away, or simply seeking a quiet moment with God, we are truly blessed by your presence. This is a sacred space where hearts are lifted, prayers are heard, and lives are renewed by the grace and love of our Lord.

Here in this house of prayer, we invite you to take time to reflect, to find peace in silence, and to open your heart to God, who knows you, loves you, and walks with you always. Whatever burdens you carry or joys you celebrate, know that you are not alone—God is with you, and we are here to walk with you in faith and fellowship.

Our community gathers regularly to celebrate the Holy Mass. You are most welcome to join us at any of our services

Each Mass is a moment to encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament, and to be strengthened as members of His Body.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with a priest or member of our parish team, please do not hesitate to reach out. May you find here a home of prayer, comfort and belonging.

With every blessing, From **Parish Priest: Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku CSSp**

The Second Collection this weekend is for Evangelii Gaudium - an annual collection in the Catholic Church in England and Wales that supports the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. The Mission Directorate promotes evangelisation, dialogue, and catechesis, supports the Jubilee Year, and provides resources for dioceses.

Next weekend the second collection will be for CAFOD

The church is open Tues and Thu 9am-2pm
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

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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To Gift Aid your bank transfer donations, please send an email to giftaid@rcdow.org.uk with the following information: Your parish name, your title, first name and surname, your address and postcode, the date of your gift, or start date of Standing Order and the amount. Please add the line: 'Please Gift Aid my donations'. The Diocese Gift Aid office will add your declaration immediately, on behalf of your parish, and email you a confirmation.
Standing Order: If you would like to make a regular (monthly/quarterly/annual) donation to your parish, you can download a Standing Order form from parish.rcdow.org.uk/actoneast/wp-content/uploads/sites/168/2022/07/ACTNE20.pdf

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.

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

First Holy Communion 2026: Application Forms and a letter are now available from the back of the church. Children in Year 3 or above are eligible to receive the sacrament in 2026. They must be baptised, or preparing for baptism, in order to enrol in the preparation classes.

Confirmation 2026: Application Forms and attendance forms are now available from the back of the church. Young people in Year 10 and above are eligible to join the programme.

Baptism Preparation Course: The next course for parents who wish to have their children baptised will take place on the following dates: Mon 6th Oct, Mon 13th Oct and Mon 20th Oct from 7-8pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (Oldham Terrace). Parents are expected to attend all three sessions. To register, please go the Parish Office to fill out the forms. The closing date for this course is **Sun 28th September**.

Be Part of Our New Parish Choir: Do you love to sing or play an instrument—or simply enjoy the joy of music? We're launching a brand-new parish choir for 10am Sunday Mass and we'd love for you to be part of it. Whether you're a vocalist or a musician, this is a wonderful opportunity to help lift our worship and bring our community closer together. No auditions, just enthusiasm and a love for music — please pick up a form from the back of the church, fill it in and return to the parish office.

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.

Kids Corner



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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.

Training Course For New Lectors / Readers: 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. This course will take place on the following dates: **Tues 7th Oct, Tues 14th Oct and Tues 21st Oct at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall (Oldham Terrace).

Fundraising Concert: On Sunday 12th Oct 2025, there will be a concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, featuring the incredible worship collective **One Hope Project**. Tickets are available after all the Masses each week, and cost £20 for adults, £10 for children, young people and pensioners. All proceeds will go towards supporting the young people of St Aidan's and Our Lady of Lourdes to attend World Youth Day in South Korea in 2027.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic or know someone who is? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) prepares adults for Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. It's open to unbaptised adults, those baptised in other Christian traditions, and Catholics who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or the Eucharist. Weekly sessions begin Thurs 18th September 7:15–8:30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (Oldham Terrace). Application forms are at the back of the church—please return them to the Parish Office. All our welcome!

New Administrator: Hi everyone, my name is Paola Turner. I am your new parish administrator . I am originally from Italy, but I have been living in England since 1988. I live in Acton, I am married and I have 6 children and 6 grandchildren. I will be in the parish office every Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 2pm. I am looking forward to getting to know the parish and as many of you as possible."



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.

School Admissions: If you are applying for a place for your child at Catholic schools you will need a customised Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP). Parishioners can come to the parish office, fill out one of our forms and leave it here to be signed and stamped, then come back to pick it up. No appointment needed.

Message from Cardinal Wiseman School:

If you were unable to attend our Open Evening at Cardinal Wiseman but would like to visit the school for a tour on either 23rd. 24th. 25th September at 10am; please email Migliorin-iM@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk with your preferred date and we will arrange this for you.

Message from Cardinal Wiseman School:

Prayer for nonviolence

God of Mercy and Compassion, open our hearts to your grace.
Give us the courage, we pray, to radically transform our own lives,
and appreciate more deeply the covenant you made with all creatures on earth.
Help us to respond to the cry of the earth and of the poor,
as peacemakers who challenge the violence that threatens us all.
Guide us along the path of nonviolence, to reconnect with nature,
to value all peoples of the earth, to consume less, and waste nothing.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

PEACE WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

21st September 2025 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: Amos 8 4-7 **2nd Reading:** 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 **Gospel:** Luke 16: 1-13,

Sat 20th September		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Cheryl Wilson	R.I.P
	Edward Beggan	R.I.P
Sunday 21st September	**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	People of the Parish	Special Intention
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 22nd September	**NO MASS**	
Tues 23rd September		
10am	For all our sick parishioners	Good Health Intentions
Wed 24th September	**Our Lady of Walsingham-**	
10am	For the young people of our parish	Special Intentions
Thurs 25th September		
10am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Friday 26th September		
10am		
Sat 27th September		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Helena Duckett	R.I.P.
Sunday 28th September	**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	People of the Parish Henrietta Thompson	R.I.P. Anniversary
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 news-