ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER



BUILDING UP OUR FAITH

Bridging the Gaps

In England, landscapes can teach us about separation and connection. **Cheddar Gorge**, with its towering cliffs and winding roads, reminds us that beauty can also divide. For centuries, such barriers made travel and community life difficult until bridges and roads brought people closer together.

This Sunday's Gospel speaks of a similar divide in the human heart – the gap between greed and need. When comfort or wealth take priority over compassion, we create a gulf between ourselves and those who suffer. Like the steep walls of Cheddar Gorge, it can seem impossible to cross.

Yet the story of our landscapes also points the way. Just as bridges and roads connect separated communities, our acts of mercy can close the chasms of human need. A visit to someone lonely, a helping hand to a neighbour, or a gift to the hungry – these are the "roads of love" we can build each day.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus reminds us that sometimes we are Lazarus: longing for love, carrying hidden burdens, or blocked from what we most need. In these moments, God does not abandon us. He has given us Jesus, who crosses every divide with His mercy. At funerals, we pray that our loved ones are carried to the bosom of Abraham, a reminder that those in greatest need are closest to God's heart.

This week, let us look around our parish and ask: Who is isolated? And remember, Christ lifts up those who are poor in spirit, building the greatest bridge of all through His cross and resurrection.

Deacon Tito

Welcome Fr. Christian!



Fr. Christian Egemonye has arrived! He is originally from Nigeria and has spent his whole ministry as a Spiritan priest working in Paraguay. Now he is joining us as an Assistant Priest. Let us help Fr. Christian to feel welcome as he settles into our parish community

Second Collection

Next weekend the second collection at all Masses will be for CAFOD. They are the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

There will be presentations at all Masses this week to explain the important work that CAFOD does.
Please note:
Friday 3rd October is Family Fast day
Saturday 4th October CAFOD is hosting a soup kitchen between 11am-1pm

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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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: There is a Parents meeting for those who have enrolled on Saturday 4th October at 2pm. If you have not enrolled your child but you would like them to receive the sacrament you can find application Forms and a letter at 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.



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

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

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. **The first training session for Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Sunday 19th October at 11am, immediately after Mass.**

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

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.

Job opportunity at the Diocese of Westminster

Job Title	*Department Name*	*Closing date*
Deputy Data Protection Officer	Data Protection	10 October 2025
Safe in Faith Manager	Caritas	3 October 2025
Organ Scholar	Cathedral Music	30 September 2025
Accounts Assistant	Finance	5 October 2025

J 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

28th September 2025 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: Amos 6: 1,4-7 **2nd Reading:** 1 Timothy 6: 11-16 **Gospel:** Luke 16: 19-31

Sat 27th September		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Helena Duckett	R.I.P
	Winifred June Massiah	R.I.P
Sunday 28th September	**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	Henrietta Thompson	Anniversary
1pm	Simone Sylvain Lamhing Ge'ez Rite	Anniversary
Mon 29th September	**NO MASS**	
Tues 30th September		
10am	Julia and Robert	Health and Strength
Wed 1st October		
10am	Elizabeth Clarke	R.I.P
Thurs 2nd October		
10am	Fred and Sofia Prendergast	Special Intention
Friday 3rd October		
10am	For the young people of our parish	Special Intention
Sat 4th October		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Sunday 5th October	**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	People of the Parish	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-