ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th October 2025



BUILDING UP OUR FAITTH

This Sunday's readings remind us that **God's mercy and salvation are offered to all peoples**. Naaman the Syrian and the grateful Samaritan leper both show that faith and gratitude are not limited by nationality or background. The Lord's healing love reaches beyond every boundary, drawing all who believe into His life.

As a parish community here in **Acton**, we are especially blessed to experience this truth in a very real way. Our parish is home to people from **every continent and many nations**—a living image of the Church's universality. In our liturgies, ministries, and friendships, we see that the Gospel truly gathers the whole world into one family.

The Church is the **new Israel**, chosen not for privilege, but for mission—to be a sign that God's love has no borders. Each of us, through baptism, shares in this mission. When we worship together, when we serve the poor, when we extend kindness to one another, we show the world that unity in Christ is stronger than any difference of language, culture, or origin.

Let us give thanks for the gift of our diverse community. May we continue to be a parish where every person feels at home, and where the light of Christ draws all people to the joy of God's saving love. Deacon Tito

CAFOD second collection and soup kitchen.
Thank you for your generous contributions. We have raised £593.59 for CAFOD last weekend. If you would like to donate please use the envelopes at the back of the church .

Next Sunday Second Collection
World Mission Sunday
Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio—his charity for world mission—through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes**, **call 02078219755** (office hours) or visit **missio.org.uk** to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. There are also red boxes available in the church porch.

Visit from Bishop Jim



Bishop Jim is visiting our church. He will preside the 10 am Mass on **Sunday 19th October**. He is coming to say Mass and to say hello to the parishioners afterwards.

The church is open Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
Parish Priest: Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku CSSp. patrickadusei-poku@rcdow.org.uk
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Assistant Priest: Fr. Christian Egemonye CSSp. christianegemonye@rcdow.org.uk
Deacon: Rev. Tito Pereira titopereira@rcdow.org.uk Tito: 07977599110
Parish Office: Opening times Tue and Thu 10am to 3pm
actoneast@rcdow.org.uk 020 8743 5732

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!

FOR DONATIONS & PAYMENTS
WRCDT Acton East
Account No. 41095277
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Reference: Surname and First Initial

If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation. The government will top up your gift by 25 percent, meaning a £20 offering becomes £25, at no cost to you.

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: The first class for children is on **Sunday 12th October** after mass in the hall. The class finishes at 12pm.

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 course for parents who wish to have their children baptised started last Monday. You can still join on Mon 13th Oct and Mon 20th Oct from 7-8pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (Oldham Terrace). You will need to make up the first session as parents are expected to attend all three sessions. To register, please go the Parish Office to fill out the forms. The next course will take place in February 2026..

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.

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Luke 17:17-19



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

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: If you would like to be a Lector/Reader, 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 Lectors/Readers will take place on Sunday 9th November at 11am, immediately after Mass.**

Fundraising Concert: This Sunday 3-6pm, there will be a concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, featuring the incredible worship collective **One Hope Project**. Tickets available at the door. 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.

Parish Youths: Thank you all for attending the youth meeting on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you at the fundraising this weekend.

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. We have

Work in the Church: On Monday 13th October we will start some building work in the Church. The building work will take place in the Nave and in the Narthex of the Church and will be finished by Friday 17th. Please be mindful when you come to midweek Mass

Parish Finances September 25:	**Thank you**
Offertory Income	**£3131.49**
Poor Box	**£205.85**
Mass Stipends	**£60.00**
Candles	**£297.58**
Agency for Evangelisation (II colletion)	**£233.01**

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.

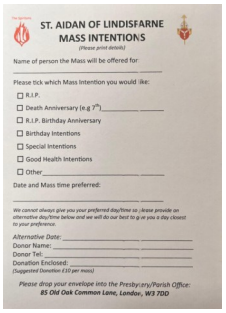
RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults) Would you like to become a Catholic? You can pick up a registration form from the back of the church.

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.

Nursery & Reception Application Forms for admission in **September 2026** are currently available from the School website at www.st-vincents.ealing.sch.uk/admissions . The online applications may be submitted until the deadline of **15th January 2026**. For more information, please contact admissions@stvps.co.uk .

Open Days – St Vincent's Primary School will be hosting Open Days for prospective parents on Tuesday 4th November at 9.30am and Saturday 8th November at 2pm. For registration forms, please visit www.st-vincents.ealing.sch.uk/school-visits.

Mass intentions: We have new envelopes for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MASS INTENTIONS

Name of person the Mass will be offered for:

Please tick which Mass Intention you would like:

- R.I.P.
- Death Anniversary (e.g 7th)
- R.I.P. Birthday Anniversary
- Birthday Intentions
- Special Intentions
- Good Health Intentions
- Other

Date and Mass time preferred:

Alternative Date:
Donor Name:
Donor Tel:
Donation Enclosed:

Please drop your envelope into the Presbytery/Parish Office:
85 Old Oak Common Lane, London, W3 7DD

Mass Intentions. You can find them in the table at the back of the church and also in the Porch. If you would like a Mass said please do fill in the details , put the £10 inside and post it through the presbytery door or give to the parish administrator.

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

12th October 2025 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17 **2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13 **Gospel:** Luke 11-19

Sat 11th October		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Elizabeth Morgan	R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 12th October	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	People of the Parish	Special Intention
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 13th October	**NO MASS**	
Tues 14th October		
10am	For all our sick parishioners	Good health intentions
Wed 15th October	**Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**	
10am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Thurs 16th October		
10am	For the young people of our parish	Special Intention
Friday 17th October	**Saint Ignatius of Antioch**	
10am	Phoebe Prendergant	Special Intention
Sat 18th October		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Eunan Harvey	R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 19th October	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	People of the Parish	Special Intention
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.