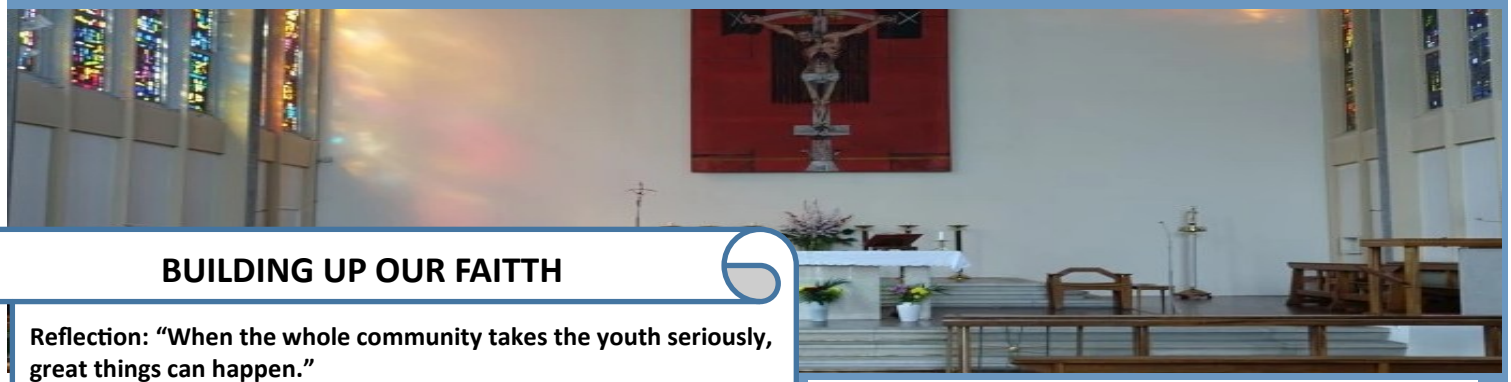
ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th October 2025



BUILDING UP OUR FAITTH

Reflection: "When the whole community takes the youth seriously, great things can happen."

This Sunday's Gospel from **The Gospel According to Luke** (18:1–8) speaks to us about persistence in faith. Jesus tells the story of a widow who does not lose heart. Her courage and trust in God remind us that faith, when it is persevering and alive, can bear extraordinary fruit.

Last weekend, our parish family came together for a Youth Afternoon at Our Lady of Lourdes. It was a day filled with prayer, music, laughter and real joy. It was especially moving to see so many adults and young people from both parishes gathered together. There was no sense of separation; it was simply one community united in faith.

Our young people were not just participants. They were at the heart of the celebration, leading in worship, witnessing through their faith, and ministering to the wider community. Their energy and joy reminded us of the gift they are to the Church today.

The day also showed the generosity of our parish family. Together, we raised around **£5,000 for the youth fund**, which will help support the journey to **World Youth Day 2027** in Seoul. This is more than fundraising; it is an investment in faith, hope and the future of the Church.

When a parish community takes its young people seriously, when it listens to them, encourages them and gives them space to serve, something beautiful happens. The Church becomes stronger, more joyful and more alive.

May we continue to grow together as one parish family, united in faith, encouraging our young people to lead, and allowing their witness to deepen the faith of us all. Deacon Tito

Second Collection

Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio—the Pope's charity for world mission—we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be "Missionary of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God 's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the **Missio envelope, 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
Fr. Patrick: 07766254987 Fr. Brendan: 07501345091
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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
Parish Administrator: Paola Turner

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 next class for children is on **Sunday 19th 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. All candidates should now start attending all youth events as part of the program and be filling in their Mass attendance sheet weekly.

Baptism Preparation Course: The course for parents who wish to have their children baptised started two Mondays ago. You can still join on Mon 20th Oct from 7-8pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (Oldham Terrace). You will need to make up the two 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.

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? Luke 18:7

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.**

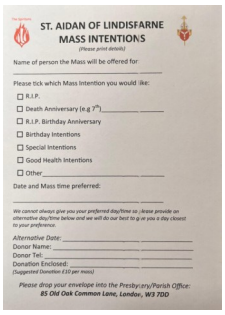
Parish Youths: Thank you for attending the Parish Youth Fundraising Concert at OLOL last Sunday. Together, we raised around £5,000 for the youth fund, which will help support the journey to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul. **The next youth meeting is on Tuesday 4th November at 7pm at OLOL.**

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 weekly sessions every Thursday 7:15–8:30pm

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you for your contributions, to CAFOD, so far, **£613.59** has been donated. If you haven't done so it's not too late to make a donation. Donations can be handed into the Parish Office. If you wish to 'GiftAid' your donation, please use one of the CAFOD green envelopes or if you would like to go online you can donate using this link cafod.org.uk/parish.

CAFOD is deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the recent CAFOD appeal. Your donations will make a real difference, helping to support communities like Ware's facing poverty, crisis, or injustice around the world.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MASS INTENTIONS
(Please print details)

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:

We cannot always give you your preferred day/time so , please provide an alternative day/time below and we will do our best to g ve you a day closest to your preference.

Alternative Date:
Donor Name:
Donor Tel:
Donation Enclosed:
(Suggested Donation £10 per mass)

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

Mass intentions: We have new envelopes for 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.

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.

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 & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

19th October 2025 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13 **2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 **Gospel:** Luke 18:1-8

Sat 18th October		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Eunan Harvey	R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 19th October	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	Dorothy Degrasse	R.I.P. Anniversary
1pm	Rolando Flame Ge'ez Rite	R.I.P. Anniversary
Mon 20th October	**NO MASS**	
Tues 21st October		
10am	Emiliana Catapanc	R.I.P. Anniversary
Wed 22nd October		
10am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Thurs 23rd October		
10am	Paul Walker	Special Intention
Friday 24th October		
10am	Lorna Walker	R.I.P. Anniversary
Sat 25th October		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Donal Maloney	R.I.P.
Sunday 26th October	**30th 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.