ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**2nd November 2025**



## BUILDING UP OUR FAITH

In our parish we are surrounded by reminders of the saints in the names of those who serve us ; Fr Patrick, Fr Brendan and our seminarian Francis. Each of these names belongs to someone who once walked the long road from sinner to saint. St Patrick was a captive and exile before he became a missionary bishop. St Brendan was a traveller who trusted God to lead him across unknown seas. St Francis began life as a carefree young man, yet through conversion discovered the freedom of poverty and peace.

Their stories remind us that holiness is not a privilege for a few. It is what happens when ordinary people open their hearts to grace. Every saint began with weakness and doubt, but allowed God to change them from within.

We are also blessed with Fr Christian, whose very name speaks to what all of us are called to be followers of Christ, living witnesses of His mercy in the world. To be a Christian is to begin the same journey the saints made, one step at a time.

The path from sinner to saint starts in honesty, grows in love and ends in joy. If God could make saints of Patrick, Brendan and Francis, then He can do the same with us.

Deacon Tito

**Tea and Coffee after Mass:** Starting this weekend there is going to be tea and coffee at the back of the church after all weekend masses. Do come along as this is a lovely way to meet other parishioners.



**Father Ugo Ikwuka,** Provincial superior of the Spiritans UK will be visiting St Aidan's on the weekend of the 8th,9th November. He will preside all Masses and is looking forward to meet and speak to the parishioners.



**The church is open** Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
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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!**

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Standing Order: If you would like to make a regular (monthly/quarterly/annual) donation to your

## 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 9th November** 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 must attend the next youth meeting which is on Tuesday 4th November at OLOL.**

**Baptism Preparation Course:** If you wish to have your child baptised please go to the Parish Office to register. The next course for parents who wish to have their children baptised 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. It is not too late to join — please pick up a form from the back of the church, fill it in and return to the parish office.

**Church Cleaners urgently needed:** please consider serving the church by joining a faithful group of cleaners on Thursday after morning mass.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** The first training session for both **old and new** Eucharistic Ministers will take place **on Wednesday 5th November at 7pm** in the Church. All must attend as there are new procedures.



## Kids' Corner

# CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

**Training Course for New Lectors / Readers:** The first training session for Lectors/Readers will take place **on Sunday 9th November at 11am, immediately after Mass.**

**Parish Youths: The next youth meeting is on Tuesday 4th November at 7pm at OLOL.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** 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 in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (Oldham Terrace).

**Red boxes for Missio:** any Red boxes needing to be emptied should be brought back to church/office. Empty boxes are available in the porch, please take one.

**A Day With Mary** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8 November 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at **https://www.adaywithmary.org/** or **https://eventcatholic.com/**

**NOVEMBER— MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**





During the month of November we will be praying for your deceased relatives and loved ones. Please pick up a 'November List of All Souls' envelope from the back of the church. Inside the envelope is a form where you can list all the names of the deceased that you want to pray for. Please put the list, and your donation, back into the envelope and place it in the 'November All Souls Box' on the altar during November.

**On Thursday 27th November at 7pm** there will be a special All Souls Mass to offer up all the names in the November All Souls Box. Photos of your deceased relatives and loved ones. We would like you to bring photos of your loved ones who have died and place them in front of the altar throughout the month of November as we continue to remember and pray for them. We will place their photos around the altar because we know that in every celebration of the Eucharist, heaven and earth are united. The living and the dead are made one. All are bound together in the Spirit of

**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.

**Gunnersbury Catholic School**
Sixth Form Open Evening
**TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025**
5.00pm – 7.00pm
To attend please register on our website
**www.gunnersbury.com**

***St Michael's Catholic Grammar School, North Finchley - 'Into the Sixth' Open Evening - Thursday 6 November 6-8pm***

The Sixth Form at St Michael's is a place where the pursuit of academic excellence and academic curiosity are at the heart of all we do. The school was recently named the second best state school in the country, and the best in London, in the 2025 Daily Telegraph Best Schools Guide. We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening when you will have the opportunity to listen to subject specific talks and a talk by the Headteacher, Mr Stimpson. You can register to attend via this link 'Into the Sixth' Open Evening Registration but are also welcome to turn up on the night. The evening will start promptly at 6pm. Teachers and current students will be available and happy to discuss subject content and life in the sixth form.

# MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

## 2nd November 2025 ALL SAINTS Year C

**1st Reading:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 **2nd Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

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| **Sat 1st November** | **ALL SAINTS** | |
| Mass of Sunday 6.30pm | Bienvenido Lagahid Jr | R.I.P. |
| | For all Souls in Purgatory | Special intentions |
| **Sunday 2nd November** | **ALL SAINTS** | |
| 10am | Bridie Breheny | R.I.P. |
| | Lorenzo Cabantug | R.I.P. Anniversary |
| 1pm | Ge'ez Rite | |
| **Mon 3rd November** | **NO MASS** | |
| **Tues 4th November** | **Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop** | |
| 10am | For all our sick parishioners | Good Health Intentions |
| **Wed 5th November** | | |
| 10am | Tarcisio Cipolloni | R.I.P. |
| **Thurs 6th November** | | |
| 10am | For those who volunteer in our parish | Special Intentions |
| **Friday 7th November** | | |
| 10am | Maureen Carney | R.I.P. Birthday Anniv. |
| **Sat 8th November** | | |
| Mass of Sunday 6.30pm | Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary | Special Intentions |
| | Josie and Willie Ryan | R.I.P. |
| **Sunday 9th November** | **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA** | |
| 10am | Raquel Pollicar | Thanksgiving |
| 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.**