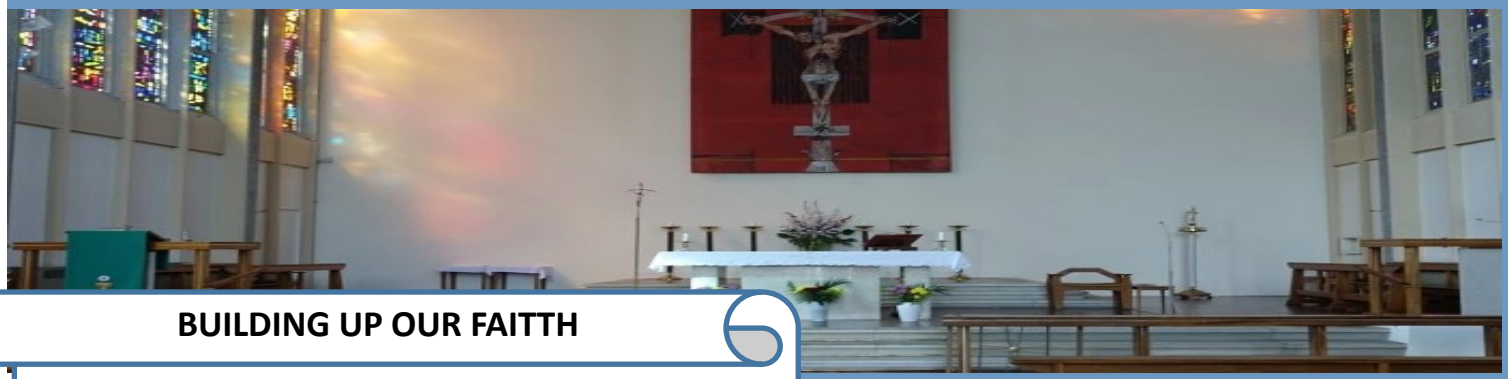
ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th October 2025



BUILDING UP OUR FAITTH

Caring for creation is really about love — love for God, our neighbours and the world we share. Small, everyday choices matter: switching off lights, tending a garden, protecting a hedgerow. These actions are practical ways to honour the Creator and to stand with those who suffer most when the earth is damaged. The Church teaches stewardship: we are entrusted with a fragile home and called to use resources fairly for the common good.

On the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, which always falls in October, we remember someone whose gentle friendship with birds and animals still speaks to us. Francis shows that holiness can be simple: praise for sun and rain, respect for creatures, and a generous heart for the poor. His life invites us to joyful care rather than guilt.

Practical love for creation asks for habits we can keep — composting, choosing less waste, supporting just policies — and it asks for prayer: gratitude for the web of life and wisdom to live differently. In repairing what is broken, campaigning for justice, and teaching children to love the land, we join God's work of renewal.

May St Francis' example nudge our parish community toward gentler, kinder ways of living so that future generations inherit a healthier, fairer world and to pass on hope.

Deacon Tito

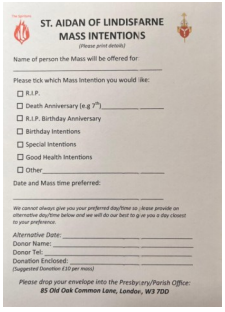
Second Collection

This 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.

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.

Mass intentions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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

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.

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

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-6



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: 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.

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.

Parish Youths: the next meeting is on Tuesday 7th October at 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes's Parish Hall.

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 in Our Lady of Lourdes

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 mid-

Candlelit Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. It will take place on the 12th October. The Procession is the Jubilee of Hope Event for the Vocations Team of our Diocese, who will join with the Seminarians and Staff of Allen Hall as we ask Our Lady's intercession for the gift of new Priests for the Church.

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

To celebrate the Catholic Jubilee Year 2025 at home: focus on prayer, reflection and acts of mercy. Dedicate time for prayer, particularly the Rosary or Jubilee-specific prayers, and consider establishing a dedicated prayer space. Perform acts of mercy, both corporal and spiritual, and engage in community service. You can also make a pilgrimage to your local cathedral or a nearby shrine, or volunteer for Jubilee-related initiatives. Visit rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/the-jubilee-indulgence-step-by-step/

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 after-

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

5th October 2025 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 **2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 **Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

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	
1pm	Regulo Canaria Ge'ez Rite	R.I.P. Anniversary
Mon 6th October	**NO MASS**	
Tues 7th October	**Our Lady of the Rosary**	
10am	For all our sick parishioners	Good health intentions
Wed 8th October		
10am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Thurs 9th October	**Saint John Henry Newman**	
10am		
Friday 10th October	**Saint Paulinus of York**	
10am	For the young people of our parish	Special Intention
Sat 11th October		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Elizabeth Morgan	R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 12th October	**27th 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 news-