ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th November 2025



BUILDING UP OUR FAITH

World Day of the Poor / Sick and Retired Priests

Many of us enjoy visiting ancient ruins such as the Colosseum, Stonehenge or Tintagel in Cornwall. They remind us that even the most impressive human creations eventually crumble. In Jerusalem today, only a small part of the once-great Temple remains. Jesus foretold its destruction, not to cause fear, but to show that what truly lasts is not built of stone, but on faith and love.

The Church is the new Jerusalem, a living community built on Christ himself. When the world seems uncertain through war, poverty or disaster, Jesus calls us to hope: "Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your redemption is near." His words remind us that our faith must take flesh in acts of compassion and service.

This Sunday, as we mark the World Day of the Poor and pray for our sick and retired priests, we see a beautiful connection. Many of our priests have spent their lives serving those on the margins — visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved, feeding the hungry and bringing the sacraments to those in need. Even in retirement or illness, they continue to witness to the Gospel by their quiet endurance and prayer.

In this month of November, as we remember our departed loved ones, we are invited to hold fast to the same hope. Everything earthly may pass away, but faith, hope and love endure forever in Christ, our sure foundation and our Redeemer who draws near.

Deacon Tito

Second collection this week: The second collection this weekend is for the sick and retired priests of our diocese. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular donation and become a Patron by completing section 4 of the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy: active, retired and ill.

Thank you. Father Ugo Ikwuka, Provincial superior of the Spiritans UK wishes to thank all the parishioners for the warm welcome that he received last weekend when he visited St Aidan's



The church is open Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
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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!

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

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 16th 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.

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: A training session for both **old and new** Eucharistic Ministers will take place **on Wednesday 19th November at 7pm** in the Church. All must attend as there are new procedures.

Training Course for New Lectors / Readers: Thank you to all the readers that came to the training session last Sunday.



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

Parish Youths: Thank you to all the youths that attended the session last Tuesday.

Parish council: We have started a consultation for a Parish council and we are hoping to finish it early next year.

Parish Finances October 25:	Thank you
Offertory Income	£3127.199
Poor Box	£238.77
Candles	£433.35
CAFOD	£644.48
MISSIO	£375.52

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.

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 Christ.

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 .

Pilgrim Mass in Westminster Cathedral at 2 pm on Saturday 22 November. This Mass is open to all, with its theme of pilgrimage appealing to those who have walked the Westminster Way during the year, but also completed other pilgrimages (walking and otherwise), and those who would have liked to have gone on a pilgrimage but have not been able to do so.

Mary's Meals: Three Million Christmas Celebration Evening in London, as we reflect on our incredible milestone of reaching three million children with life-changing school meals.

Join us at Leiths School of Food and Wine in West London to enjoy an evening of festive foodie fun on Thursday 20 November 6-9:30pm, while helping us reach the next child waiting for Mary's Meals. You can get tickets at: https://leiths.com/events/an-evening-for-marys-meals-celebrating-3-million-school-meals-2/

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Sacred Heart has a vacancy in their admin department. If you are interested please look at the following link:

https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/assistant-administrator-england-2261051

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

16th November 2025 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a **2nd Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 **Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

Sat 15th November		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	June Massiah	R.I.P.
	Wendy All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Special Intention
Sunday 16th November	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary time**	
10am	Percy Barclay	Anniversary
1pm	Anthony Gallen All those on our ALL SOULS November list Ge'ez Rite	R.I.P. Anniversary
Mon 17th November	NO MASS	
Tues 18th November		
10am	All those on our ALL SOULS November list	
Wed 19th November		
10am	Family Venturini, Beschizza and Schia All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P.
Thurs 20th November		
10am	For all our sick parishioners All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Good health Intentions
Friday 21st November	**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	
10am	Veranda Olveda Ojeda All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Birthday Intention
Sat 22nd November		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Mercedes Rivera All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P.
Sunday 23rd November	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	
10am	Dan Casey	Anniversary
	Igweh Nwaobi (Sarah) All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Birthday 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.