ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2025



BUILDING UP OUR FAITH

World Youth Day Reflection – For Our Parish Youth

World Youth Day is a special chance to celebrate you—the young people who bring life, energy, and hope to our parish. Pope Leo XIV reminds us: *"In every situation of our life, we will experience that we are never alone, for as children we are always loved, forgiven and encouraged by God."* That's true for each of you. Whatever worries or doubts you carry, God is walking beside you, cheering you on, and inviting you to share His love with the people around you.

Being young can sometimes feel overwhelming. School pressures, friendships, social media, or just figuring out who you are can feel heavy. But in the midst of it all, you are never alone. Your talents, your creativity, your courage, and even your mistakes—all of it—can be used to make a difference, both in our parish and in the wider world.

We want to take a moment to thank **Fr Patrick** for investing so much time and energy in supporting the youth. Alongside the parish community, he has created spaces for you to grow, ask questions, pray, serve, and shine.

This World Youth Day, remember: you are cherished, you are important, and your voice matters. God calls you personally to live boldly, with kindness, hope, and love. And in doing so, you help build His Kingdom here, today, in our parish and beyond.

Deacon Tito

Second collection for Sick and Retired Priests:
Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. We have raised £214.55. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

Advent Reconciliation Service
This will take place on the 9th December at 7pm.

Pope Francis wrote: "**Confession** is meant to be a sincere moment of conversion, an occasion to demonstrate trust in God's willingness to forgive his children and to help them back on the path of following Jesus."

The church is open Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
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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
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Account No. 41095277
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Reference: Surname and First Initial

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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 23rd 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: Thank you to all the Eucharistic Ministers that came to the training session on Wednesday.

Rota for Lectors / Readers: a rota for Readers has been pinned in the Porch. Please look up when you are on. If you wish a paper version please do let Paola know.



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

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

Tea and Coffee after Mass: 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.



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE ADVENT SERVICE AND RECEPTION

Monday 1st December, 7:00pm – Farm Street Church, W1K 3AH
As we begin our preparations for Advent and reflect on the Holy Family's flight into exile, join the Jesuit Refugee Service for an evening of carols and a special performance by their refugee music group.

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 .

Open Days – due to popular demand, St Vincent's Primary School will be hosting another Open Morning for prospective parents on **Wednesday 26th November at 9.30am.** For registration forms, please visit www.st-vincents.ealing.sch.uk/school-visits.

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

'The God Who Speaks'. If you're curious about the Bible this is the place for you. Here you'll find great resources; events and ideas to help you deepen your faith and love of the Scriptures. This initiative focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God's word throughout all our dioceses. Visit: https://www.godwhospeaks.uk

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

23rd November 2025 Christ the King Year C

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 **2nd Reading:** Colossians 1:12-20 **Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43

Sat 22nd November		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Mercedes Rivera All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P. R.I.P.
Sunday 23rd November	**CHRIST THE KING**	
10am	Dan Casey Igweh Nwaobi (Sarah) All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Anniversary Birthday Intention R.I.P.
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 24th November	NO MASS	
Tues 25th November		
10am	For the young people of our parish All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Special Intentions R.I.P.
Wed 26th November		
10am	Beschizza and Curati Richelda Baria All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P. Birthday Intention R.I.P.
Thurs 27th November		
10am	For all our sick parishioners All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Good health Intentions R.I.P.
Friday 28th November		
10am	Pat Lafferty All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P. R.I.P.
Sat 29th November		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Michael Emsley All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P. First Anniversary R.I.P.
Sunday 30th November	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	
10am	All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P.
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.