ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th November 2025



BUILDING UP OUR FAITH

Last Tuesday evening our parish youth group met with their leaders. It was wonderful to be with them and to see their enthusiasm and creativity. They had plenty of ideas and a real sense of purpose as they talked about ways to raise funds for the next World Youth Day with Pope Leo. Their energy and hope were truly uplifting, and the pizza was very good too!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, their plans feel especially fitting. The Lateran Basilica, often called the mother church of all Christian churches, reminds us that our faith is not just about our local parish or the building where we gather. It is about belonging to something much bigger: **the worldwide Church, united in Christ.**

Our young people are already living that truth. By preparing to join others from across the world, they remind us that we are part of one family of faith. May this feast renew in us that same sense of belonging and joy in being the living Church of God.

Deacon Tito

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.



Father Ugo Ikwuka, Provincial superior of the Spiritans UK will be visiting St Aidan's this weekend. He will preside at all thec 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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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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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. **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: The first training session for Lectors/Readers will take place **on Sunday 9th November at 11am, immediately after Mass.**

Kids' Corner



CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

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

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.

Second Collection: The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our diocese. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. 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.

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/

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.

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

9th November 2025 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C

Sat 8th November		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	Special Intentions
	Josie and Willie Ryan All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P.
Sunday 9th November	**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**	
10am	Raquel Pollicar All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Thanksgiving
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 10th November	**NO MASS**	
Tues 11th November	**Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**	
10am	Regulo Camu Canaria All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P. Birthday Anniv.
Wed 12th November	**Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**	
10am	Family Marioni Cocchi and Schia All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P.
Thurs 13th November		
10am	Bernie Hughs All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Special Intentions
Friday 14th November		
10am	For all our sick parishioners All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Good health Intentions
Sat 15th November		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	June Massiah	R.I.P.
	Wendy All those on our ALL SOULS November list	Special Intentions
Sunday 16th November	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary time**	
10am	Percy Barclay	Anniversary
	Anthony Gallen All those on our ALL SOULS November list	R.I.P. Anniversary
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

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

Any items for the newsletter need to be received by the office by Thursday 12pm of that week.