ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st December 2025



Dear Parish Family,

As we draw near to Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many ways God has guided and blessed us this year. Our parish has continued to grow in faith, hope, and love, and it has been a real joy to see how our community has come alive in so many different moments.

We have celebrated the welcome of new brothers and sisters through the RCIA, rejoiced at Baptisms, and shared the happiness of First Holy Communions. These occasions have reminded us how God continues to bring fresh life into our parish family. Throughout the year we have prayed together at Pentecost, gathered for the All-Souls November Mass, and lifted our voices at our joint Christmas Carol Service.

At our All-Souls Mass, we held in prayer all our loved ones who have gone before us, and we also took a moment to remember with affection the parishioners who have died during this past year. We keep them, and their families, close to our hearts and continue to commend them to the mercy and peace of Christ. These moments of remembrance, along with our celebrations, have drawn us closer to one another and to the Lord.

Our parish life has been enriched by the generosity and dedication of so many people. Readers, ministers of the Eucharist, tea and coffee teams, children's liturgy leaders, catechists, musicians, cleaners, altar servers, and all who quietly help in so many ways: your kindness keeps our parish warm, welcoming, and vibrant. We have enjoyed moments that strengthened our sense of belonging, including the Parish Day and the wonderful One Hope Project youth event that we jointly hosted to raise funds for our Youth Group, which continues to flourish.

Fr Patrick would also like to say that although he has only been with us since the summer, he already feels very much at home in the parish, and together with the other priests he looks forward to continuing to pray and work alongside you all in Christ's name.

As we look forward to the coming year, we pray that 2026 will be filled with God's grace. May this Christmas bring you and your loved ones joy, holiness, and peace.

With love and blessings,

Fr Patrick and the Parish Team

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Today we light the fourth candle, purple, representing Love. Love is a gift: a gift from God. At Christmastime, we as Christians believe that God's greatest gift of love was Jesus, the Saviour of the world. Jesus Christ is the true reason for hope, peace, joy and love in this season and forever. Christmas Offering: The collections on Christmas Eve at the Vigil, Mass and Christmas Day are for the Christmas offering, which is an annual collection for our priests. Special Christmas Offering Envelopes are also available at

Thank you to all who gave up their time to decorate the Church and put up the Christmas Tree. It looks beautiful!



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

Dear Friend in Christ,

Welcome to St. Aidan's Church! Whether you are visiting for the first time, returning after some time away, or simply seeking a quiet moment with God, we are truly blessed by your presence. This is a sacred space where hearts are lifted, prayers are heard, and lives are renewed by the grace and love of our Lord.

Here in this house of prayer, we invite you to take time to reflect, to find peace in silence, and to open your heart to God, who knows you, loves you, and walks with you always. Whatever burdens you carry or joys you celebrate, know that you are not alone—God is with you, and we are here to walk with you in faith and fellowship.

Our community gathers regularly to celebrate the Holy Mass. You are most welcome to join us at any of our services

Each Mass is a moment to encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament, and to be strengthened as members of His Body.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with a priest or member of our parish team, please do not hesitate to reach out. May you find here a home of prayer, comfort and belonging.

With every blessing, From **Parish Priest: Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku CSSp**

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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 parish, you can download a Standing Order form from parish.rcdow.org.uk/actoneast/wp-content/uploads/sites/168/2022/07/ACTNE20.pdf

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve—Wednesday 8pm (Christmas Carols from 7:30pm)

Christmas Day—Thursday 10am

First Holy Communion 2026: The next class for children is on **Sunday 18th January** after mass in the hall. The class finishes at 12pm.

Confirmation 2026: The first date for Confirmation Classes is on the 6th January at 7pm in the Church Hall at our Lady of Lourdes (please be there by 6:55. If you would like to make your confirmation in 2026 and have not registered yet you can find application Forms and attendance forms at the back of the church.

Baptism Preparation Course 2026: The course will take place on Mondays 19th, 26th Jan and 2nd Feb 2026. If you would like your child baptised please come to the office to fill in an application form.

Parish Choir: We will soon start rehearsal. If you would like to be part of the choir and haven't filled in the form yet please do let the parish office know.

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

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. *Matthew 1:24*



Kids' Corner

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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.



R.I.P.: John Francis McGillicuddy (1947- 2025), known as Gill, passed away on the 26th November 2025. He will be missed by his daughters, sister, grandson, family and friends. Gill's life journey took him far and wide but his funeral service on the 23rd December at St Aidan's is a fitting return to his Catholic faith and local family roots.

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

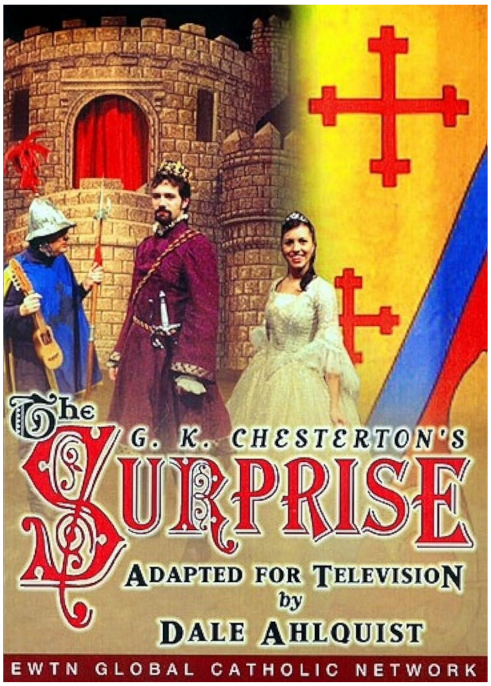
Baptism: Please go to the parish office to fill in the paperwork. You will need to attend the Baptism Preparation Course.

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.

Parish Finances November 25:	**Thank you**
Offertory Income	**£3387.17**
Poor Box	**£208.97**
Candles	**£465.50**
Repository	**£270.00**
Sick and Retired Priest	**£214.55**

Watch The Surprise, a wonderful play by Catholic author GK Chesterton this Christmas. Monday 22nd December 3pm online www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky 586. For GK Chesterton Prayers See; www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk"



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 .

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 Giving Box

Thank you for your donations so far very much appreciated. We are collecting non perishable food and toiletries to help support Acton Homeless Concern Charity. Please bring a little extra warmth and support to our local community. The collection box on the sanctuary.



MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

21st December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 **2nd Reading:** Romans 1:1-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24

Sat 20th December		
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	Nancy Hubbs June Massiah	R.I.P. Anniversary R.I.P.
Sunday 21st December	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	
10am	Dorothy Zerafa	R.I.P.
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 22nd December	NO MASS	
Tues 23th December		
10am	Funeral Mass for John McGillicuddy	
Wed 24th December	**CHRISTMAS EVE**	
8pm	Joe Martin	R.I.P.
Thurs 25th December	**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD– CHRISTMAS DAY**	
10am	For the people of the parish For the SIO Family	Special Intentions Special Intentions
Friday 26th December	**SAINT STEPHEN, The first Martyr**	
10am	Bert and Brenda White	Wedding Anniversary
Sat 27th December	**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**	
Mass of Sunday 6.30pm	For the young people in our parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 28th December	**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**	
10am	For the people of the parish	Special Intentions
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.