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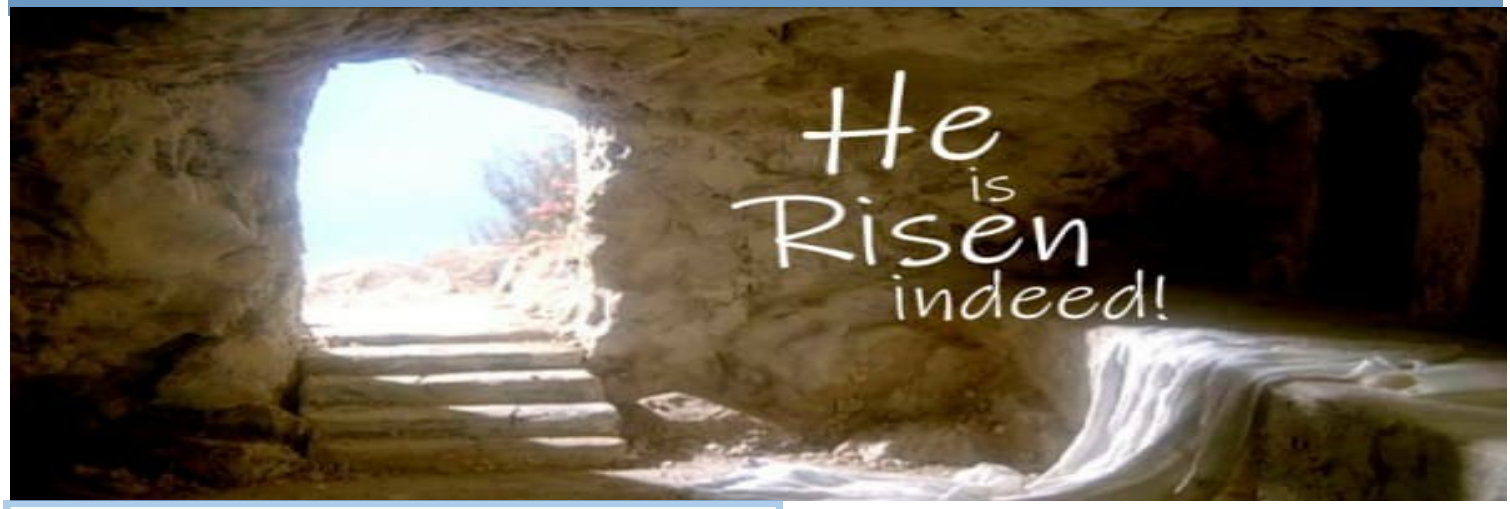
PARISH NEWSLETTER

12 April 2026



On this Second Sunday of Easter, we encounter Thomas the Apostle, who struggles to believe in the Resurrection because he has not seen the Lord. His reaction is deeply human. Like him, we often look for certainty, something we can grasp. Yet Christ leads him, and us, to something deeper. Not seeing becomes the beginning of faith. When we are no longer relying on what is visible, we begin to open ourselves to the presence of God, who is always greater than what we can perceive.

God's hiddenness is not a distance but an invitation. Because he is not always obvious, we are drawn to seek him more attentively in every moment of life. Faith is formed not in constant clarity but in trust. It is in ordinary life that this trust takes root and grows.

This is reflected in the practice of the early Christians. Those baptised at Easter wore white garments as a sign of new life, but on this Sunday they set them aside and returned to daily routines. This was not a step back but a step forward. Away from the richness of the liturgy, they were called to recognise Christ with the eyes of faith. In the ordinary rhythm of life, their belief in Jesus Christ deepened, until they could truly call him Lord and God.

The events of the Easter Triduum remind us that God is never absent, even in suffering, grief, or death. The Resurrection reveals that his presence reaches into every darkness. Because of this, we are called to witness. By living with hope and charity, we help others, especially those who doubt, to encounter the living Christ in us.

Deacon Tito



Thank You

Father Patrick took the Altar Servers out for a meal to thank them for their service to the Parish.



Sadly, Francis, our seminarian, is leaving on the 15th April. He is going back to Vietnam for a short holiday and then to the Philippines to continue his theological studies. Let's wish him well and continue to keep him in our prayers.



The church is open
Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
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Parish Administrator: Paola Turner

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 **Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku CSSp Parish Priest**

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CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

First Holy Communion 2026: The next class for children is on **Sunday 19th April** after mass in the hall. The class finishes at 12pm.

Confirmation 2026: The next date for Confirmation Classes is on **Tuesday the 14th April at 7pm** in the Church Hall at our Lady of Lourdes (please be there by 6:55).

Baptism Preparation Course 2026: The next baptism course will take place on Mondays 11th May, 18th May and 5th June at 7pm in the parish hall. Parent's must register their child for baptism by Monday 4th May in order to attend the course.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: If you would like to become a reader or a Eucharistic Minister please do let the office know and we will organise some training.

Come and join the St Aidan's Singers! We meet at 9.30 am in the small room next to the Parish Office (right hand side as you enter the Church) and then lead the singing at the 10 am Mass. all ages welcome and no experience or commitment at this stage necessary. Why not come along and just join us!'

Music for the Second Sunday of Easter:
Gathering: **Lord of the dance** (p 765)
Gloria: **Bellahouston Mass** (p 527)
Preparation of Gifts: **God is love, his the care** (p794)
Communion: **Surrexit Christus** (p 266)
Recessional: **He is Lord** (p 761)

Kids' Corner



CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

You are all invited to sister Mary Joy's New Book Launch on Monday 20th April 3pm-5pm at Bexhill Museum (walking distance from the train station)

Sister Mary Joy writes: " A Journey of Service tells the story of how I came to join the East Sussex Fire Service and became Britain's first female firefighter in 1976. I served as an operational firefighter in Battle, although the journey itself began a few years earlier while I was still at school in Bexhill. All profits from the book will go towards supporting the ESF&RS Fire Cadet programme for young people.

At the launch there will be an opportunity to buy the book and have it signed. The Chief Fire Officer, Mark Matthews, will give an address, and I will also be sharing a few words. There will be time for questions.

There will also be an opportunity to view historical photographs taken 50 years ago and to see the 1895 Merryweather horse-drawn fire engine. While I was in the Brigade this appliance was at Battle Fire Station. It has recently been restored and has now been returned to its original home in Bexhill.

Refreshments will be available.

If you are interested in going, please RSVP by 6th April to: mlangdon30@me.com

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast 2026 Celebrations at St Andrews Church, Washington Drive, Cippenham, Slough SL1 5RE on 12 April 2026 at 2:30 pm. The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, Mass, Talk, Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome to celebrate this glorious feast. Please call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information

Offertory Envelopes are ready to be collected. Robina will be at the back of the Church on Sunday 12th April or you can collect them from the office Tue and Thu between 10am and 3pm

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF MASS

1. PREPARE: Arrive early, gather your thoughts in quiet, read through the readings, then be still and open your heart and mind to God in prayer. Remember to always give thanks to God and to be patient in prayer. In addition to your own prayers, please remember to pray for those on the Mass Intention list and those who have no one to pray for them.

2. PARTICIPATE: Join in the singing, the responses, the prayers and listen attentively to the Readings and the Homily.

3. BE RESPECTFUL: Don't use your phone, don't eat in church (except babies), and don't chat needlessly, we come to church to raise our hearts and minds to God. But please do feel free to socialise and chat after Mass. Tea and coffee is serve at the back of 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.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) -**Discerning God's Call in your life**

15th - 17th May, Liverpool

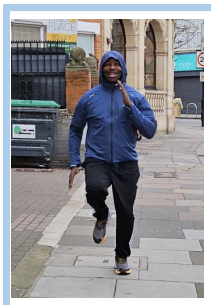
The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along?

There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org



Fr. Patrick is running the London Marathon!

On Sunday 26th April 2026, Fr Patrick is running the London Marathon to raise funds for Acton Homeless Concern. This is a huge challenge for him, and will raise much needed funds for the charity, which was started by the parishioners and priests of Our Lady of Lourdes over 35 years ago. He has already raised over £6,000! Thank you for your support.

If you'd like to sponsor him you can do so through the JustGiving page justgiving.com/page/fr-patrick or you can scan the QR code here or you can give via money to the office in an envelope addressed to Acton Homeless Concern.

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

12 April 2026 Second Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-47 **2nd Reading:** 1Peter 1: 3-9 **Gospel:** John 20: 19-31

Sat 11th April		
6:30 pm	Maria Da Silva Concição Carlos For the people in our parish	R.I.P. Special Intentions
Sunday 12th April	**Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy**	
10am	Sio Family Mariana Rodgers Sally Elias and Family	Thanksgiving R.I.P. Special Intentions
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 13th April	**NO MASS**	
Tues 14th April		
10 am	For the people in our parish	Special Intentions
Wed 15th April		
10 am	John Owuso—Ayirebi	R.I.P. Birthday Anniversary
Thurs 16th April		
10 am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Friday 17th April		
10 am	For the sick people in our parish	Good Health Intentions
Sat 18th April		
6:30 pm	For the people in our parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 19th April	**Third Sunday of Easter**	
10am	Maria Povinelli For the people in our parish	R.I.P. Anniversary 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: Mass Intention envelopes are at the back of the church. You can use them 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.