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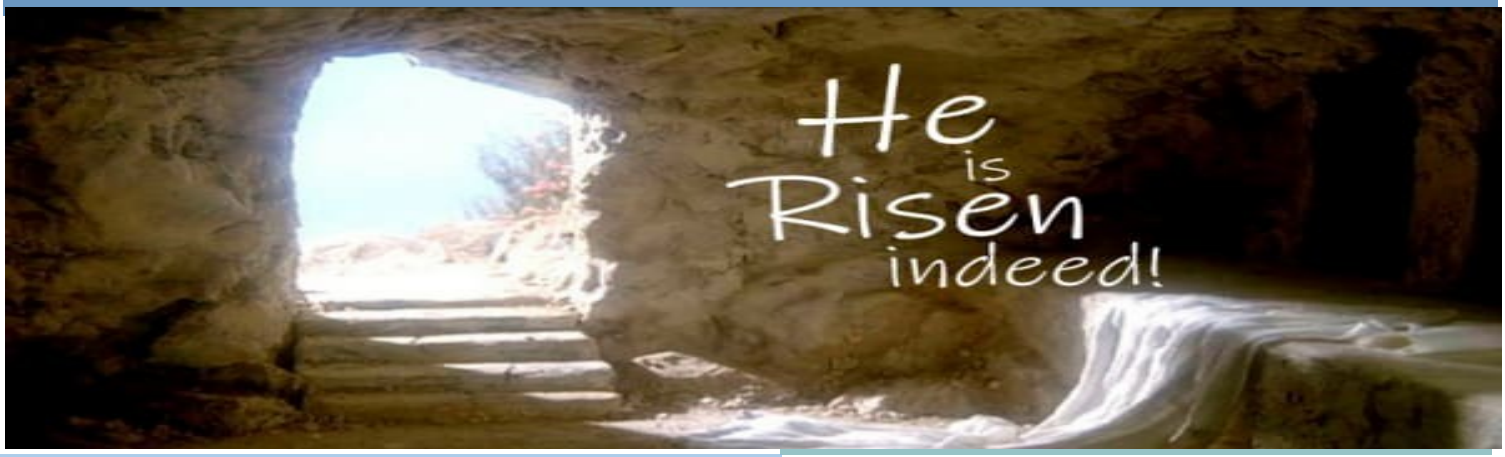
PARISH NEWSLETTER

19 April 2026



What if Jesus has already been walking beside you, and you have not recognised Him yet? What if you come to the end of Mass and still do not recognise Him? This Sunday offers a key to understanding this blindness to Christ's presence among us.

On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Church gives us the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is not just their story; it is ours as well.

Two thousand years on, we meet Jesus in much the same way. Like those disciples, we walk through life carrying confusion, disappointment, and uncertainty. Yet the risen Lord draws near. He walks beside us, even when we fail to see Him.

This Gospel is not only a memory; it is a living pattern fulfilled in the Mass. Each time we gather for the Eucharist, we step onto that same road to Emmaus.

First comes the encounter with the Word. Jesus opens the Scriptures and reveals that the Messiah had to suffer, die, and rise again. At Mass, the same thing happens. The Word of God is proclaimed, and Christ speaks to His people. Our hearts are invited to burn within us.

Then comes recognition. The disciples recognise Him in the breaking of the bread. For us, it is the same. In the Eucharist, the hidden Jesus is truly present, the same one who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. What is concealed becomes visible to the eyes of faith.

Finally, there is the response. The disciples are filled with joy and go out to share the news. At the end of Mass, we are sent in the same way. The encounter leads to hope, witness, and a renewed life.

Christ still walks with His Church. He still speaks and reveals Himself in the breaking of the bread. Will we recognise Him? ~ Deacon Tito

Fr Patrick's marathon

The second collection next Sunday will be for Father Patrick' Marathon to support Acton Homeless Concern

Save the Date: Our Pentecost Picnic will be on Pentecost Sunday which this year falls on 24th May. Please put it in your diaries

Third Sunday of Easter

Hymns:

Gathering: this is the day, this is the day (No 465)

Presentation of Gifts: All that I am (no. 600)

Communion: One bread, one body (No 832)

Recessional: Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord (No. 268)

The church is open
Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
Parish Priest: Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku CSSp. patrickadusei-poku@rcdow.org.uk
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Parish Office: Opening times Tue and Thu 10am to 3pm
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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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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

First Holy Communion 2026: The next classes for children are on **Sunday 19th April and Sunday 26th April** after mass in the hall. The class finishes at 12pm.

Confirmation 2026: The next dates are:
Parents and confirmation candidates meeting on **Tuesday the 21st April at 7pm in the Church.**
Confirmation candidates retreat and reconciliation service on the **24th April at 7pm in the Church Hall.**
Parish Youth meeting **on the 28th 7pm in the Church Hall**
Rehearsal for confirmation on the **30th April at 7pm in the Church**

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.

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!'

Parish Finances March 2026:	**Thank you**
Offertory Income	**£3740.74**
Poor Box	**£204.18**
Candles	**£765.59**
Missio	**£146.98**
CAFOD	**£874.08**



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

Interested in finding out more about becoming a Westminster Cathedral chorister?

At Westminster Cathedral, choristers are ordinary boys doing extraordinary things.

Each September, up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School in Year 4 or Year 5. Choristership offers the chance to sing in a **world-class choir** while attending one of the country's **leading independent schools for boys.**

No extensive musical background is required — many boys start with little formal training. What matters most is potential: **curiosity, enthusiasm, imagination** and a genuine **love of singing.**

For the right boy, becoming a chorister can be truly life-changing — building **confidenc, teamwork, discipline, and a lifelong passion for music and learning.**

Interested in finding out more? Join our next Chorister Zoom Information Session:

All choristers receive generous scholarships, with additional means-tested bursaries available covering up to 100% of fees.

If parents would like to find out more about chorister life, please join our next online information session on **Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 6:30pm**. **Register here -** https://tinyurl.com/2zsf92j8

Alternatively, contact Rachel Bonnet at **020 7798 908**, or RBonet@choirschool.com

A Day With Mary pilgrimages this year.

Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026

Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026. Further information is available at ***https://www.adaywithmary.org/***

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.

Red box 2025: Thank You!

In 2025 St Aidan's raised £538.78 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Aidan is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sosters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

If you have any Red Boxes that need to be emptied please bring them to the office.

Offertory Envelopes are ready to be collectedfrom the office Tue and Thu between 10am and 3pm

Father Patrick's London Marathon – Sunday 26th April



With 2 weeks to go until the London Marathon, Fr Patrick's training regime involves 5am starts and his report on how training is going this week is "very challenging" but he's doing brilliantly and we are all very proud of him. On race day, he'll start running at around 10.44am on the Blue start line. We'll share details of how to track him in person or on the app next week. He's raised over £8,500 (including Gift Aid) for Acton Homeless Concern so far - if you'd like to sponsor him, go to justgiving.com/page/fr-patrick, or scan the QR code here or you can give via the contactless machine under Acton Homeless Concern. Please keep him in your prayers!

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

19 April 2026 Third Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 14a, 36-41 **2nd Reading:** 1Peter 2: 20b-25 **Gospel:** John 10: 1-10

Sat 18th April		
6:30 pm	For the people in our parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 19th April	**Third Sunday of Easter**	
10am	Maria Povinelli Yohanna Oraha For the people in our parish	R.I.P. Anniversary R.I.P. Special Intentions
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 20th April	**NO MASS**	
Tues 21st April		
10 am	Cecilia Margaret Holmes	Health Intention
Wed 22nd April		
10 am	John Owuso—Ayirebi	R.I.P. Birthday Anniversary
Thurs 23rd April	**Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England**	
10 am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Friday 24th April	**Saints Erkenwald and Mellitus**	
10 am	For the sick people in our parish	Good Health Intentions
Sat 25th April		
6:30 pm	For the people in our parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 26th April	**Fourth Sunday of Easter**	
10am	Andrea, Clorinda, Giuliana, Clara 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.