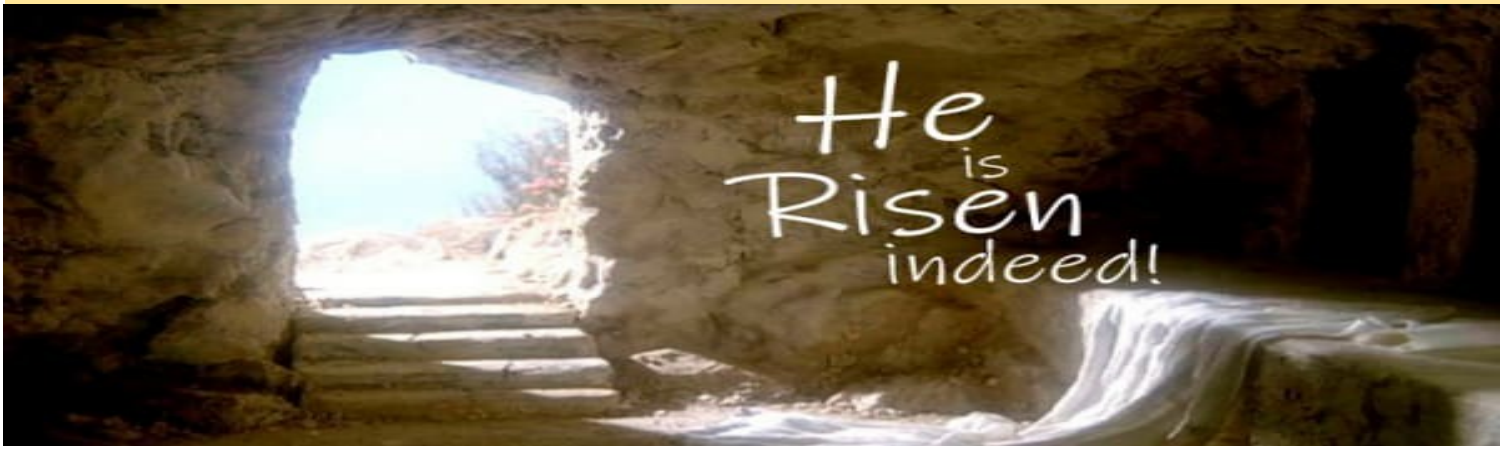
ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

26 April 2026




Not long ago, someone approached me after Mass and told me that I had once taught her son. She said that as soon as she heard the Gospel being proclaimed, she recognised my voice immediately. Time had passed and much had changed, yet something familiar remained. It stayed with me because it echoes what Jesus says in today's Gospel. The sheep know the voice of the shepherd.

That raises a simple but searching question. Do we recognise the voice of Christ in our own lives?

We live surrounded by noise. There are constant demands on our attention, endless opinions, and many voices offering direction. Some are harmless, but others can quietly draw us away from what is good and true. In the middle of all this, Christ continues to speak. The difficulty is not that he is silent, but that we are often distracted.

We come to recognise his voice in the same way we recognise any voice. It happens through familiarity, through time spent listening. We hear him in the Scriptures, in the sacraments, and in the quiet movements of the heart. His voice is consistent. It calls us towards love, patience, mercy, and self-giving. It never leads us towards hatred or division.

The more we stay close to him, the clearer his voice becomes. Gradually, we begin to notice the difference between what draws us closer to God and what pulls us away.

Perhaps this week we might pause and consider what voices we are allowing to shape us. Then, with intention, we can turn again to the Good Shepherd, listening for the voice that calls us by name and leads us gently towards fullness of life. ~ Deacon Tito

**Fr Patrick's marathon**

The second collection this 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

The Pastoral letter from the Archbishop is available at the back of the church.

## Third Sunday of Easter - Hymns:

**Gathering: God is love, His the care. (No 794)**

**Presentation of Gifts: My God accept my heart this day. (No 872)**

**Communion: One bread, one body (No 832)**

**Recessional: He is Lord (No. 761)**

**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 dates are:
**Parents meeting: Sunday 26th after 10 am Mass** in the meeting room.
**Classes for children**: **Sunday 26th April and Sunday 10th May** after mass in the hall. The class finishes at 12pm.
**Retreat: 9th May at 10 am at Our Lady of Lourdes.**

**Confirmation 2026:** The next dates are:
Parish Youth meeting **on Tuesday the 28th at 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!'

**CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly**.

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** we need some more volunteers to keep our church clean and welcoming. If you have time please do join our group of volunteers on Thursdays after the 10 o'clock mass.



I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

*John 10:9*



# 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/***

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

**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.

CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers.

**Confident parenting in a world of screens. 29th April @ 8pm** Worried about the impact of phones and social media on your teen? A helpful webinar with Kate Duroux from Care for the Family, offering practical advice for supporting teenagers growing up in a digital world.)

**Raising teenagers in a Catholic family. 2nd June @ 8pm** As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith□filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their tweens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships.

**To reserve your place, book now by visiting** https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

**Father Patrick's London Marathon – Sunday 26th April**

SUNDAY IS MARATHON DAY! If you'd like to track Fr Patrick's progress, you can download the TCS London Marathon App and search for him by name or bib number: 75408. His start time is 10.44am and he's hoping to complete the course in around 5 hours. You can also look out for him on TV - (BBC1 and BBC2 - live streaming on BBCiPlayer). He's raised over £9,000 for Acton Homeless Concern already, and the second collection this weekend is for his marathon fundraising efforts or you can sponsor him at justgiving.com/page/fr-patrick, or scan the QR code here . Please keep him in your prayers!



# MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

## 26 April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

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

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| **Sat 25th April** | | |
| **6:30 pm** | Daniel Beary<br>For the people in our parish | R.I.P. Anniversary<br>Special Intentions |
| **Sunday 26th April** | **Fourth Sunday of Easter** | |
| 10am | Andrea, Clorinda, Giuliana, Clara<br>For the people in our parish | R.I.P. Anniversary<br>Special Intentions |
| 1pm | Ge'ez Rite | |
| **Mon 27th April** | **NO MASS** | |
| **Tues 28th April** | | |
| 10 am | Sheila Nesperos Dacoco | R.I.P. Anniversary |
| **Wed 29th April** | **St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe** | |
| 10 am | Philip Zerafa | R.I.P. Anniversary |
| **Thurs 30th April** | | |
| **10 am** | Cecilia Margaret Holmes | Good Health Intentions |
| **Friday 1st May** | | |
| **10 am** | Irine Loughman | R.I.P. |
| **Sat 2nd May** | | |
| **6:30 pm** | For the people in our parish | Special Intentions |
| **Sunday 3rd May** | **Fifth Sunday of Easter** | |
| 10am | Catherine Mary Lgweh<br>Frippy Fyfe<br>Nick Vinciguerra | R.I.P. Anniversary<br>R.I.P.<br>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:** 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.**