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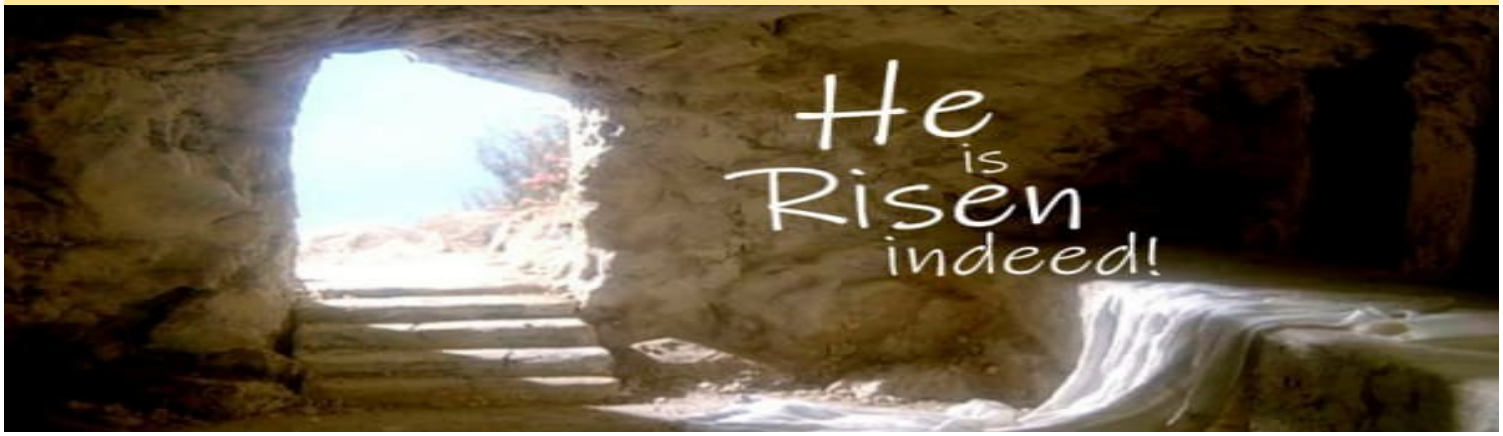
PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd May 2026



In this Easter season, the words of Jesus Christ feel especially close to us: *"I am the way, the truth and the life."* These are not just words to admire. They are an invitation to a relationship that is lived out day by day.

Bishop James Curry will be in our Sister Parish this weekend as some of our young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an important moment in their lives, not as a finishing point, but as the beginning of a deeper journey of faith.

For many adults, faith can quietly slip into the background of a busy life. Work, family responsibilities, and the pace of everyday routines can mean that our relationship with God becomes something we intend to return to later. Yet faith is never just private. It is something that is seen, experienced, and often learned from others.

Children and young people notice more than we think. They watch how we pray, how we speak, and how we respond when life is demanding. They see whether faith shapes our decisions and priorities. Simple things such as making time for Mass, saying a prayer at home, or showing patience and forgiveness can leave a lasting impression. These ordinary moments often become the way in which God is first recognised.

We often hear about pilgrimages such as the Camino de Santiago, where people set out searching for meaning or direction. What they remember most is not just the destination, but the encounters along the way. A kind word or a moment of encouragement can stay with someone for years. Parish life is much the same. It is through everyday interactions that people come to sense God's presence.

As a community, each of us plays a part in creating those encounters. The example we set helps to shape the path others walk. This is especially true for those who are just beginning to take ownership of their faith.

It is worth asking ourselves a simple question. Do our lives help others to notice God? We are not called to be perfect, but we are called to be genuine. Very often it is through steady, ordinary faithfulness that others encounter

Second Collection next week will be for the Priest Training Fund. This fund plays a crucial role in supporting men who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development, and pastoral training — all of which are essential for their future ministry. As we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that He continues to call shepherds for His Church today. Please keep our seminarians and those considering this calling in your prayers. Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to support this important work. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Hymns:

Gathering: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God (820)

Presentation of Gifts: God is love, his the care (794)

Communion: this is my body, broken for you (627)

Recessional: Bind us together Lord (922)

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**

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

First Holy Communion 2026: The next dates are:
Classes for children: **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 Confirmation Mass with Bishop Jim will take place on Sunday 3rd May at 1:15 at Our Lady of Lourdes.

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!'

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic? Have you ever considered becoming a Roman Catholic or do you know somebody who is searching for a deeper meaning and purpose in life? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process for welcoming adults into the Roman Catholic Church in preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This process welcomes non-baptised Adults; Adults baptised in another Christian Tradition; Catholics who were baptised but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation or the Eucharist. It offers the opportunity for people to deepen their knowledge of Jesus and their relationship with Him. Weekly sessions take people through the key teachings of the Catholic faith and the issues facing Catholics in today's world. Why not join this group of like-minded people? To find out more, you can come along to an informal meeting - **Thursday 11th June 7.30pm-8.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Oldham Terrace.**

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EASY EVANGELISATION

www.IsItTrue.net is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce a new webinar for parents and carers of teenagers.

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

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.



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 collected from 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.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

On Sunday, Father Patrick completed the London Marathon in 5h54. We are all very proud of his achievement! Fr Patrick wants to thank all the parishioners for the support that he has received. He's raised over £17,000 for Acton Homeless Concern. If you wanted to donate but have not done it yet, there is still time. You can offer your donations at justgiving.com/page/fr-patrick, scan the QR code here or bring your offer to the parish office.



MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7 **2nd Reading:** 1Peter 2: 4-9 **Gospel:** John 14: 1-12

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 Frippy Fyfe Nick Vinciguerra	R.I.P. Anniversary R.I.P. R.I.P.
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 4th May	**NO MASS**	
Tues 5th May		
10 am	George Catchpole	R.I.P.
Wed 6th May		
10 am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Thurs 7th May		
10 am	For the sick people in our parish	Good Health Intentions
Friday 8th May		
10 am	For the young people who make their confirmation this Sunday	Special Intentions
Sat 9th May		
6:30 pm	For the people in our parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 10th May	**Sixth Sunday of Easter**	
10am	Family Curati, Beschizza and Schia For the souls in Purgatory	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.