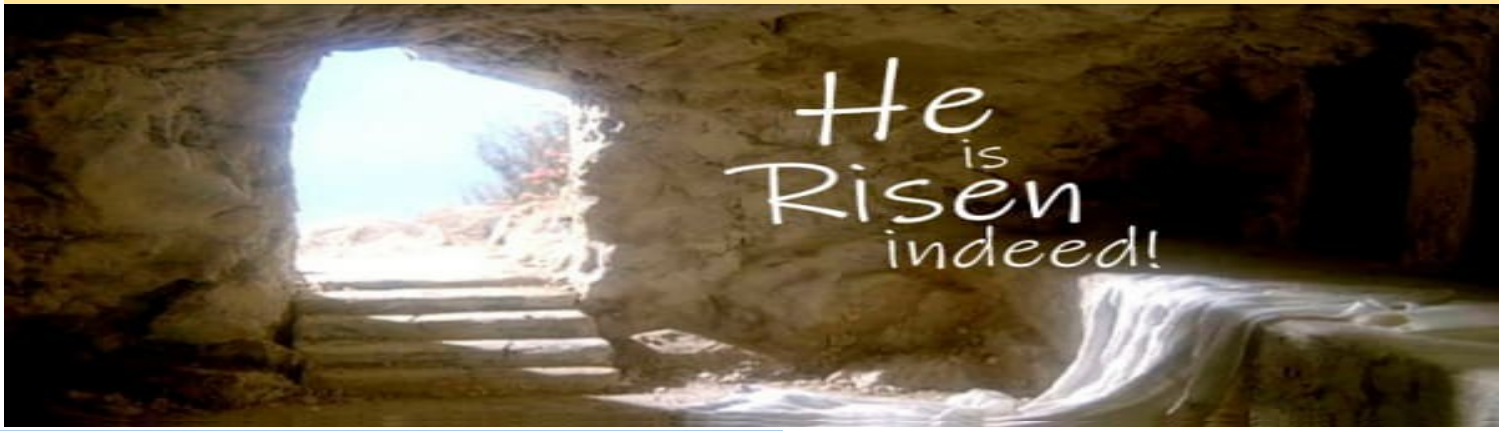
ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th May 2026



Last weekend many of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a joyful reminder that the Holy Spirit is not simply part of the Church's past but is still alive and active among us today. The same Spirit who strengthened the apostles at Pentecost continues to strengthen the Church in every generation.

The days after the resurrection were filled with confusion and uncertainty for the disciples. The first witnesses to the risen Lord were not the apostles but the women who came from the tomb with the message that Jesus was alive. At first, the disciples struggled to believe it. Even before the risen Christ appeared among them, they had already begun to learn something important about faith. They would come to know the Lord through witness, through trust and through the work of God among them.

In many ways, this is how every generation encounters Christ. We often imagine that faith must have been easier for the apostles because they eventually saw the risen Jesus. Yet before those appearances came fear, doubt and waiting. Jesus was preparing them to live not by sight alone but through the gift of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that he will not leave his disciples orphaned. Though hidden from ordinary sight, he remains close. In fact, he is closer to us than we are to ourselves because he dwells within us. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit would breathe new life into the Church and make the presence of Christ alive in every believer.

People still ask, "Where is God?" Yet God is where he has always been, among his people, loving them without ceasing. In Jesus Christ, God has done something astonishing. He has chosen the human heart as his dwelling place.

This is why love is at the center of the Christian life. God is love, and through love he draws us close to himself and to one another. Through the Holy Spirit, the risen Lord continues to live within his Church and within every heart that welcomes him. We pray especially for those confirmed last weekend, that the gift they have received may grow quietly but deeply within them, and that they may come to know that Christ is always closer than they imagine. ~ Deacon Tito

Second Collection Two Sundays ago was Good Shepherd Sunday, and this week there is a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of men who are responding to God's call to serve as priests in our diocese. Their journey involves years of preparation — human, spiritual, and pastoral — equipping them to serve parish communities in the years ahead. Your support helps make this formation possible. It is a direct way of strengthening the life of the Church and ensuring that future generations will continue to receive the sacraments and pastoral care. If you are able, please give generously in today's collection. You may also donate via rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund Please also continue to pray for vocations and for those currently in formation.

Save the Date: Our Pentecost Picnic will be on Pentecost Sunday which this year falls on 24th May. It will take place at St Vincent's Primary School compound and will start at 1pm.



There will be a BBQ, an ice cream van and you can also bring your own food to share. There will also be a bouncy castle for children. All parishioners and friends are invited.

Boxes with Offertory envelopes : we still have several boxes of envelopes that have not been picked up. If you have asked for a box or you usually get one please do get in touch with the parish office so we can arrange a time for you to pick them up

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 10.30 am at Our Lady of Lourdes (please be there for 10:20)

Confirmation 2026:

Baptism Preparation Course 2026: The next baptism course will take place on Monday 1st, 8th and 15th June at 7pm at OLOL in the parish hall. Parent's must register their child for baptism by Monday 25th 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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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

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.
John 14:21a



Kids' Corner

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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

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.

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.



Pentecost Sunday: on Pentecost Sunday we encourage the parishioners to come in their national dress. We would also like to have the readings and bidding prayers done in different national languages. If you would like to participate please get in touch with the parish office.

Pentecost Novena: Starting Friday 15th May, in preparation for Pentecost, we will pray the Pentecost Novena together, 15 minutes before the start of every Mass in the nine successive days beginning the day after The Ascension of the Lord, until the day before Pentecost Sunday. There are Prayer Intention sheets at the back of the church . Please put the intention sheet and your donation in the envelopes provided and then place your envelopes in the special box in front of the altar. Your intentions will be prayed for by The Spiritan Communities.



The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a **First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day** at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026** from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.





Thank You

for your wonderful generosity and encouragement. Completing the 2026 London Marathon in 5 hours 54 mins was a tremendous achievement and challenge, and I am deeply grateful for every message, prayer and donation along the way. Together, we have raised over £18,250 for Acton Homeless Concern, whose work at Emmaus House and the Damien Centre offers meals, clothing, welcome and practical support to those facing homelessness or hardship in our community. Your kindness will make a real and lasting difference. I am also sincerely thankful to everyone who trained with me, supported my preparation, and kept me going throughout this journey. Your support has meant more than I can express.

Fr Patrick



MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

10th May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 **2nd Reading:** 1Peter 3: 15-18 **Gospel:** John 14: 15-21

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 Jimmy Hunter	R.I.P. Anniversary Special Intentions Special Intention
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 11th May	**NO MASS**	
Tues 12th May		
10 am	For the peple in our parish	
Wed 13th May		
10 am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Thurs 14th May	**The Ascension of the Lord**	
10 am **7pm**	For the sick people in our parish For the people in our parish	Good Health Intentions
Friday 14th May		
10 am	Harry Hobbs Shirley Williams	R.I.P. Anniversary R.I.P. Anniversary
Sat 15th May		
6:30 pm	Ralph Massiah	R.I.P. Birthday Anniversary
Sunday 16th May	**Seventh Sunday of Easter**	
10am	Salvacion Abella Mr & Mrs Geronimo Sio Family	R.I.P. Anniversary 24th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving
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.