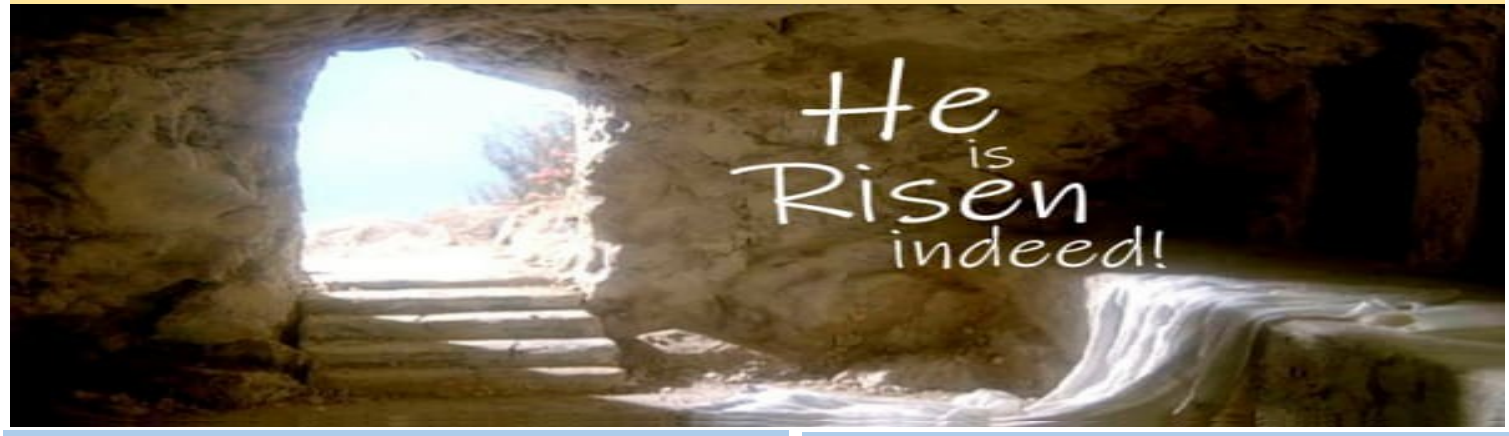
ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th May 2026



On Saturday morning, our parish will share in a truly joyful moment as our children receive their First Holy Communion. It will be a special occasion not only for them, but for their families and for all of us who walk with them in faith.

What they are about to enter into is not just a single moment, but the full life of the Mass. Every part will begin to belong to them in a new way: gathering as God's people, listening to his word, giving thanks in the Eucharistic Prayer, receiving Holy Communion, and being sent out at the end. That final sending matters; it reminds us that what we receive at the altar is meant to shape how we live each day.

God has always been present in their lives, but in receiving the Eucharist they are being drawn into a deeper friendship with him. They are responding to an invitation, an invitation to come to the table of the Lord. This is not simply about one celebration, but about becoming part of something much greater: the life of Christ shared with his Church, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for us all.

In the Eucharist, Jesus fulfils his promise to remain with us. He gives himself to us in a way we can see and receive. For our children, this makes his love something real and close. It is important to remember that Holy Communion is not a reward for completing classes. It is a gift, an ongoing invitation to return again and again, like a family gathering around the table, to be nourished and strengthened.

This is only the beginning. Our children are called to keep coming back to the Lord's table, to grow in faith and love. As a parish, we walk with them, supporting them by our prayers and example.

Let us pray that this joyful step may stay with them, and that all of us may grow in love for the Eucharist, where Christ is truly present among us. ~ Deacon Tito

Second Collection The Second collection this weekend will be for Catholic Communication Network.

Parish Pentecost Celebrations on the 23-24 May. We will be celebrating the feast of Pentecost at all the weekend Masses. We encourage everyone to come dressed in their National Dress for these services and we are looking for volunteers who can speak in their native tongue to do readings and bidding prayers at all the Masses. If you would like to participate please get in touch with the parish office.

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.



The Second Collection next weekend will be to help support the Spiritan Missions to the poor. This is our yearly opportunity to support the mission of the priests that serve in our parish.

The church is open
Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
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Parish Office: Opening times Tue and Thu 10am to 3pm
actoneast@rcdow.org.uk 020 8743 5732
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 Holy Communion Service will be at St Aidan's Church on Saturday 16th at 11 am.
The celebration Service will be on Sunday 17th May at 10 am.

Confirmation 2026: Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit! May you be fully blessed as you continue on your faith journey within our parish and beyond.

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.**

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.



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

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

Parish Finances April 2026:	**Thank you**
Offertory Income	**£4391.25**
Poor Box	**£61.98**
Candles	**£159.00**
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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.

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.

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.





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

17th May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: Acts 1: 12-14 **2nd Reading:** 1Peter 4: 13-16 **Gospel:** John 17: 1-11a

Sat 16th May		
6:30 pm	Ralph Massiah All Intentions in the Pentecost Novena box	R.I.P. Birthday Anniversary Special Intentions
Sunday 17th May	**Seventh Sunday of Easter**	
10am	Salvacion Abella Mr & Mrs Geronimo Sio Family All Intentions in the Pentecost Novena box	R.I.P. Anniversary 24th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Special Intentions
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 18th May	**NO MASS**	
Tues 19th May		
10 am	Gerard Doherty All Intentions in the Pentecost Novena box	Thanksgiving Special Intentions
Wed 20th May		
10 am	Peggy Lawlor All Intentions in the Pentecost Novena box	R.I.P. Anniversary Special Intentions
Thurs 21st May		
10 am	All those who volunteer in our parish All Intentions in the Pentecost Novena box	Thanksgiving Special Intentions
Friday 22nd May		
10 am	For the sick in our parish All Intentions in the Pentecost Novena box	Good Health Intentions Special Intentions
Sat 23rd May		
6:30 pm	For the children of our parish who make their first Holy Communion tomorrow. All Intentions in the Pentecost Novena box	Special Intentions Special Intentions
Sunday 24th May	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**	
10am	George and Hilda De Grasse Esmeraldina Santos Ghassan Barrage All Intentions in the Pentecost Novena box	R.I.P. Anniversary R.I.P. Birthday Anniversary R.I.P. 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.