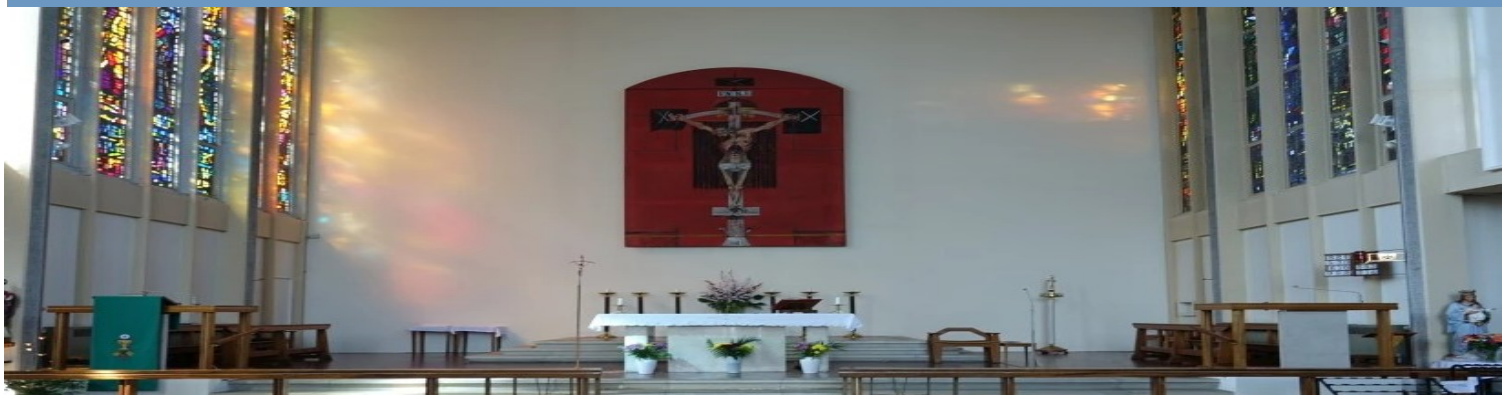
ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th June 2026



"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." **Matthew 9:37**

Aside from situations and people, the biggest challenges we face usually come from within ourselves — our thoughts, habits, emotions, and the limits of our bodies and environments. When we find ourselves with such challenges, as Christ's followers, it helps to remind ourselves: **WWJD? What would Jesus do?**

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a glimpse of how Jesus looks at and responds to challenging circumstances. Formed by the unconditional loving relationship He has with God, Jesus' tender heart sees the crowds not as a mass of people, but individuals who were "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." His compassion is never passive. It always moves him to act — and to invite others into that action. When he says "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few", Jesus is urging the apostles to notice the longing and readiness of people for healing, guidance, and peace, and offer compassion, presence, and love.

Jesus invites the Twelve, gives them authority, and sends them out. This moment is the beginning of a new community shaped by service. The apostles are commissioned to heal, restore, and proclaim the good news. We are all called to continue this mission, following the same pattern: to receive God's compassion and to radiate the joy of the Gospel.

In our Parish life, this calling takes simple, concrete forms: a word of encouragement, a gesture of generosity, a willingness to listen, participating in varied ways. Jesus calls each of us by name. Next time you feel moved by a situation or a person, ask yourself: ***WWJD?***

Sr. Rowena Pineda MMS

Second collection: next weekend the second collection will be for "Day for Life": the money raised will sustain the work done to help our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life, and to help our parish communities support all those in our midst who have suffered the loss of a child.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father - June intention:

"Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth."

Hymns for 10 am Mass today

Please do join in the singing!

Gathering: Amazing Grace—no. 846

Gloria—please see card

Offertory: Be thou my vision—no 969

Eucharistic Acclamation—please see card

Communion: Eat this bread—no 633

Recessional: How great thou art—no 721

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 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**

FOR DONATIONS & PAYMENTS
WRCDT Acton East
Account No. 41095277
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Reference: Surname and First Initial



Youth Corner

We are also planning a Parish Quiz night so watch this space!

Thank you, as always, to our parishioners who support the youth group in so many ways.

Youth Fund: We are still appealing for people to support the youth fund to help our youth go the World Youth Day in south Korea.

If you donate please do consider to GIFT-AID your donations. Please contact the parish office for details.

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

First Holy Communion 2026: Pictures of the First Holy communion Celebration are now ready. They can be seen following this link: https://saol-photography.blogspot.com/. Prices and how to order can be found on the following link: https://saol-photography-events.blogspot.com/2019/05/prices.html

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!'

Parish Finances May 2026:	**Thank you**
Offertory Income	**£3743.50**
Candles	**£567.17**
CAFOD	**£30.00**
Catholic Communications	**£88.59**
Spiritans	**£225.06**
Poor Box (Running Balance)	**£4431.74**

[Jesus said] "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

Matthew 10: 7-8



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

Running Club and Walking Club: The running club and walking club will start again **on Sat 26th September** meeting at **7am** outside Our Lady of Lourdes church with breakfast in the parish hall afterwards. Then going forward we will plan to run and walk on the last Saturday of every



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.



St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer - Wednesday 24 June 2026

Full details of the Admissions Policy can be found on the School's website St Michael's Admissions 2027-28.

The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2027 is now available Year 7 2027. The deadline for applications to be completed and Certificate of Catholic Practice provided to the School Office is 4pm on Tuesday 7 July 2026.

More Human: Pope Leo has just published a **new encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas***.

It speaks about what it means to be human in our time, especially with in the age of AI.

Join us for these 3 short workshops to introduce and explore aspects of this timely document with input, as well as reflection and prayer.

In St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA, Mondays 13 Jul, 21 Sep, 23 Nov, 7.30-8.45pm. All Welcome!

Register to attend on https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26

These workshops will also be online, email info@fcjecojustice.co.uk for more information.

SPIRITAN NEWS

GAP YEAR VOLUNTEERING WITH 'JUST YOUTH' Are you 18 to 25 and wish to support young people in their holistic growth, discover and develop their talents through Chaplaincy and other outreach programs? Please contact Just Youth on www.justyouth.co.uk and apply.

Lay Spiritans: Any parishioner who is interested in becoming a lay Spiritan, please contact Fr. Patrick or the Parish Office. Visit spiritans.co.uk/lay-associate-spiritans/ for more info.

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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.

Fidara — a free Catholic app
Fidara is a free Catholic app created to help Catholics pray, follow the Church year, pray the Rosary, and access daily Mass readings. The app does not require an account and does not collect personal data.

Offertory Envelopes: we have a few boxes of envelopes that have not been collected. If you usually give by envelope or asked for a box please come to the office to collect your box. The office is open on Tue and Thu between 10am and 3pm

Making a gift in your will to your parish or diocese as a lasting legacy could have an impact greater than you know – if you would like more information on why and how please get in touch with the parish office.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF MASS

1. PREPARE: Arrive early, gather your thoughts in quiet, read through the readings, then be still and open your heart and mind to God in prayer. Remember to always give thanks to God and to be patient in prayer. In addition to your own prayers, please remember to pray for those on the Mass Intention list and those who have no one to pray for them.

2. PARTICIPATE: Join in the singing, the responses, the prayers and listen attentively to the Readings and the Homily.

3. BE RESPECTFUL: Don't use your phone, don't eat in church (except babies), and don't chat needlessly, we come to church to raise our hearts and minds to God. But please do feel free to socialise and chat after Mass. Tea and coffee is serve at the back of the church.

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

14th June 2026 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6a **2nd Reading:** Romans 5: 6-11 **Gospel:** Matthew 9: 36-10:8

Sat 13th June		
6:30 pm	Ralph Massiah	R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 14th June	**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	Mr and Mrs Sio	Thanksgiving
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 15th June	**NO MASS**	
Tues 16th June		
10 am	For the people of our parish	Special Intentions
Wed 17th June		
10 am	Harrys	Healing from cancer
Thurs 18th June		
10 am	All those who volunteer in our parish	Thanksgiving
Friday 19th June		
10 am	For the sick in our parish	Good Health Intentions
Sat 20th June		
6:30 pm	For the people of our parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 21st June	**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
10am	Danielle De Grasse Rika ruby	R.I.P. Anniversary Birthday Intention
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.