ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th September 2026



The Spiritan Charism: A Church That Goes Out

Our Church, St Aidan is served by the Spiritan order as is Our Lady of Lourdes in Acton Central. Since the Spiritans arrived in Acton, their presence among us has given us a good opportunity to think about what it means to be a missionary Church.

At the heart of the Spiritan charism is a simple calling: to go where the Gospel is most needed, especially among the poor, the marginalised and those who can easily be overlooked. Spiritans have often taken on missions where it has been difficult for the Church to find workers. They do not wait for people to come to them. They go out to where people are.

For the Spiritans, mission starts by being there, by being **present**. It means listening, building relationships, sharing people's lives and standing alongside those whose voices are often not heard. Through that presence, the love of Christ can become something people experience, not simply something they hear about.

That mission continues today, both across the world and here in Britain, among young people, refugees and asylum seekers, prisoners, the poor and those who have become distant from the Church.

Today's Gospel reminds us of the mercy we have received from God. The Spiritans challenge us to let that mercy reach others, especially those who may feel forgotten or excluded.

When we support the Spiritans, we become part of their missionary vocation, helping them to take the Gospel to those who need it most and to show, through their lives and their work, that God's mercy and love are for everyone. ~ Dcn Tito

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for September: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. *"Father, forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that water is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children. We pray for all those who lack clean water, who walk for miles to find it, and who become ill due to its scarcity. Amen."*

The Second Collection next weekend is for Evangelii Gaudium—an annual collection in the Catholic Church in England and Wales that supports the work of the Bishop's Conference Mission Directorate. The Mission Directorate promotes evangelization, dialogue, and catechesis, supports the Jubilee Year, and provides resources for dioceses.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday 19th September

Registration is now closed! Everyone who has already signed up must fill in the Pilgrim Form and drop into the office or the sacristy asap. **The plan is to leave St Aidan by coach at 6.45am** and get back to Acton at about 8pm. Please do not be late as the coach will be coming from OLOL and will not ba able to stop for long. **Please bring a packed lunch!**

The church is open
Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.

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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
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Youth Corner

We are continuing our appeal for donations to support our young people as they prepare to travel to World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea. This pilgrimage will give them a powerful experience of faith, community, and the universal Church.

If you would like to contribute, donations, including Gift-Aid, can be left in an envelope marked World Youth Day at the parish office.

We are also planning a Parish Quiz Night to help raise further funds, so please keep an eye out for more details.

Thank you, as always, for your generous support of our youth group and for the many ways you help them grow in faith and fellowship.

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

Baptism Preparation Course 2026: The next baptism course will take place on Mondays 12th Oct, 19th Oct and 9th Nov at 7-8:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Parents must attend all three sessions. To register for the course, please go to the parish office and fill in the forms by Monday 5th October.

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist: We are looking for new volunteers to become both readers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers. Full training will be given - please email the parish office at actoneast@rcdow.org.uk. Forms at the back of the church.

First Holy Communion: Application Forms are now available from the back of the church. Children in Year 3 or above are eligible to receive the sacrament in 2027. They must be baptised, or preparing for baptism, in order to enroll in the preparation classes. Classes will begin on the 11th October. Deadline for applications - Sunday 4th October 2026.

Confirmation 2027: Application Forms and attendance forms will soon be available from the back of the church. Young people in Year 10 and above are eligible to join the programme. Deadline - Sunday 28th September 2026.

Come and See: There will be a Diocese vocations morning for the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate on Saturday 17th October at Ealing Abbey 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. To find out more or to register get in touch with Deacon Ian Edward: ianedwards@rcdow.org.uk or Canon Roger Taylor: vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Finances August 2026:	**Thank you**
Offertory Income	**£3393.65**
Candles	**£607.71**
Poor Box (Running Balance)	**£4726.77**

"So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart. " *Matthew 18:35*



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School September 2027 Year 7 Admissions

Our **Year 7** open evenings will be held on **Thursday 17 September 2026** and **Tuesday 22 September 2026,** for boys who will be eligible for Year 7 entry in September 2027. The Headmaster will address parents and pupils at 4.30pm and again at 6.00pm. Following each speech, parents will be taken on a tour of the school. We therefore recommend you arrive in good time for either 4.30pm or 6.00pm.

The online application form link for Year 7 is available on the school website www.cvms.co.uk/admissions .

GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL YEAR 7 OPEN DAYS 2026

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2026
1.30pm – 3.00pm
5.00pm – 7.30pm
MONDAY, 28 September 2026
1.30pm – 3.00pm
WEDNESDAY, 30 September 2026
10.30am – 11.30am

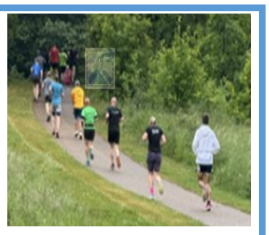
To register and for further information visit our website: www.gunnersbury.com

Gumley House School is delighted to invite prospective families to our Open Events which will take place on Monday 28th September 2026 from 9.00am until 11.00am and also in the evening from 5pm until 8pm.

There will be a second morning event on Thursday 1st October 2026 from 9.00am until 11.00am.

You can register for these events on our website www.gumleyhouse.com/Open-Events

Running Club and Walking Club: Please come and join us on Saturday 26th September for the monthly run/walk. We meet at 8am outside the church fand runners and walkers are invited to breakfast in the hall afterwards. All are welcome!



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.



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

13th September 2026 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7 2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Saturday 12th September		
6:30 pm	Barbara Casey	R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 13th September	**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Michael Marioni Reynaldo Malabuyo	R.I.P. R.I.P. Anniversary
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 14th September	**NO MASS**	
Tues 15th September	**Our Lady of Sorrows**	
10 am	Cristina Maroncelli	Healing from Cancer
Wed 16th September	**Saint Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**	
10 am	For our sick parishioners	Good Health Intentions
Thurs 17th September		
10 am	Teresa Maroncelli	Good Health Intentions
Friday 18th September		
10 am	People in the Parish	Special Intentions
Saturday 19th September		
6:30 pm	People in the Parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 20th September	**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Curati and Beschizza	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.