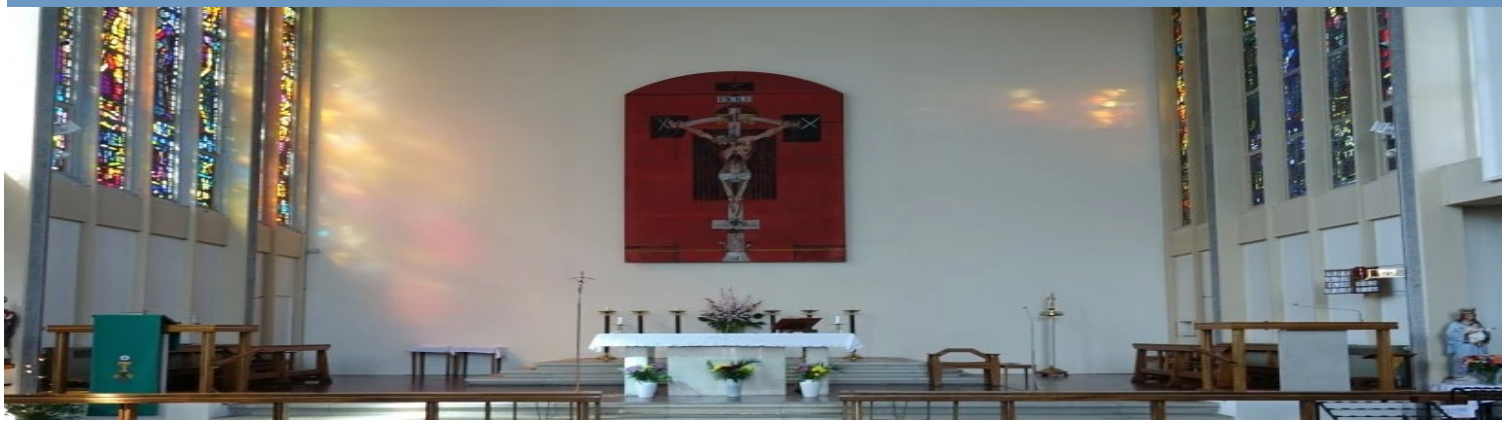
ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th September 2026



Called to the Vineyard

This Saturday, many from our parish will make the journey to Walsingham, joining pilgrims from across the Diocese of Westminster.

A pilgrimage reminds us that we are all on a journey of faith. We may be at very different points along the way, but God continues to call each of us.

That is at the heart of this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus tells the story of workers who are called into the vineyard at different times of the day. Some begin early in the morning, while others are invited only towards the end of the day. Yet all receive the same generosity from the landowner.

It can be tempting to compare ourselves with others. We might think, "I have been coming to Mass for years," or "I have served the Church for a long time." We can sometimes wonder why someone who has only recently come to faith should receive the same welcome.

But Jesus reminds us that God's generosity is not something we earn or deserve. It is a gift.

Perhaps that is something worth remembering as we travel to Walsingham. We will come from different backgrounds, with different stories and at different stages of our faith. Yet we come as one people, seeking the Lord and placing ourselves in the care of Our Lady.

And whether we are travelling to Walsingham or staying in Acton, the invitation is the same:

"You too go into my vineyard."

God continues to call us. There is a place for each of us, and there is always room for another.

Deacon 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 this 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.

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**

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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.

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 are now available from the back of the church. Young people in Year 10 and above are eligible to join the programme. Deadline - Sunday 11th October 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

Thanksgiving & Celebration Mass for Baptism: We are inviting the families who attended the Baptism Preparation Courses in Jan-June 2026 to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the baptism of their children on Sunday 18th October at 10.30am. Mass will be followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall to which all are invited. This is also an opportunity for the Parish Community to support and encourage our young parents in their commitment to nurture the faith life of their children within the Catholic community. To plan and prepare for the Thanksgiving Mass, the Baptism Team would like to meet with these parents on Monday 5th October at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Youth Corner

Our young people will be travelling to South Korea in 2027 for World Youth Day! If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to the office marked World Youth Day. 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.



Kids' Corner

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." *Matthew 20:16a*



CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School September 2027 Year 7 Admissions

Our **Year 7** open eveningswill be held on **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 .

Families of children in Year 6 : *we have* ***2 open mornings for families****.*

These will be Thursday 24th September and Tuesday 29th September from 9am - 11.30am. If you would like to visit during these days please email the school on info@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk to arrange an appointment.

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

20th September 2026 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Saturday 19th September		
6:30 pm	For all Pilgrims	Special Intentions
Sunday 20th September	**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Curati and Beschizza Sio Family	R.I.P. Thanksgiving
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 21st September	**NO MASS**	
Tues 22nd September		
10 am	For the young people in the Parish	Special Intentions
Wed 23rd September	**Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**	
10 am	For our sick parishioners	Good Health Intentions
Thurs 24th September	**Our Lady os Walsingham**	
10 am	People serving in the Parish	Thanksgiving
Friday 25th September		
10 am	For the musicians in the Parish	Special Intentions
Saturday 26th September		
6:30 pm	People in the Parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 27th September	**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	People in the Parish	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.