ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th September 2026



**"Which of the two did the will of the Father?"**

Jesus pointed the finger at the elders and chief priests with this parable. He asked them a simple question. They gave the obvious answer, but in doing so, they were condemning themselves.

He wanted them to realise that when you say you will do something but do not then do it, your words are empty.

The Father in this parable represents God. The vineyard represents God's work or will. The first son represents sinners, outcasts and all who fall away. At first, they turned away from God, but later they repented, believed and obeyed Him.

The second son was saying the right things, but failing to do what his father asked.

Jesus saw the elders, scribes and Pharisees as the second son. They spoke as if they would walk a good and righteous path. However, their words were empty. They failed to follow God, to believe or to repent.

It's easy to say, "We love God and will do His will", but do we ever stop and ask ourselves what that really means? What should we be doing if we are to live as true Christians?

What have we promised but not yet done? How can we fulfil our promises to God and to each other?

True love and obedience are shown through our actions, not empty promises.

Even when our hearts are hardened, we can still change our minds, turn back to God and seek His forgiveness. God is always ready to welcome us when we sincerely repent. **Catherine Rogers**

**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 CAFOD . They are the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

There will be presentations at all Masses this week to explain the important work that CAFOD does.

Please note:

Friday 2nd October is Family Fast day

Saturday 3rdOctober CAFOD is hosting a soup kitchen between 11am-1pm in the porch of the Church.

**Making a gift in your will** to your parish or the Spiritans 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.

**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**

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# 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.

**The next youth meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall**




# 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 at Our Lady of Lourdes. 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.

# Kids' Corner

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,'but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.
Which of the two did his father's will?" *Matthew 21:28-30*



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**The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School September 2027 Year 7 Admissions**

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.

**LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP 30+**
Would you like to meet more Catholics in London?
London Catholic Social Group 30+ organises friendly social events, walks, day trips and faith events throughout the year. New members are always very welcome, whether coming alone or with friends.
**To find out more:** WhatsApp Brendan: 07425 549408
Email:londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com
Instagram: @londoncatholicsocial

**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.

**Patrick Ryan & Daughter Funeral Directors**
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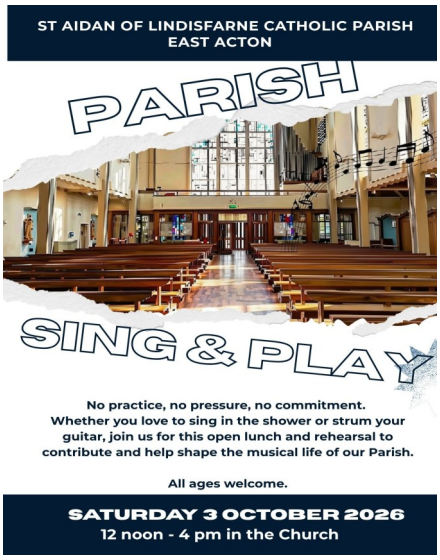
**SAFEGUARDING**

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.
**Holy communion and Confirmation:** preparation classes take place once a year starting in the Autumn. Please talk to the office if you would like more information on the next class.




**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

## 27th September 2026 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

**1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 2-22 Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32**

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| **Saturday 26th September** | | |
| **6:30 pm** | People in the Parish | Special Intentions |
| **Sunday 27th September** | **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | |
| 10am | Henrietta Thomson | R.I.P. Anniversary |
| 1pm | Ge'ez Rite | |
| **Mon 28th September** | **NO MASS** | |
| **Tues 29th September** | **Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels** | |
| 10 am | For the young people in the Parish | Special Intentions |
| **Wed 30th September** | **Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church** | |
| 10 am | For our sick parishioners | Good Health Intentions |
| **Thurs 1st October** | **Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** | |
| **10 am** | Walsh Family | 10th Wedding Anniversary |
| **Friday 2nd October** | **Holy Guardian Angels** | |
| **10 am** | For the musicians in the Parish | Special Intentions |
| **Saturday 3rd October** | | |
| **6:30 pm** | People in the Parish | Special Intentions |
| **Sunday 4th October** | **TWENTY-SEVENTH 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.**