ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th September 2026



REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FROM FRANCIS BUI

In this Gospel, Jesus teaches us the importance of love, correction, forgiveness, and reconciliation within the Christian community. When someone sins against us, Jesus does not ask us to become angry or speak badly about that person. Instead, He teaches us to approach the person privately and speak honestly with love. The purpose of correction is not to judge or punish, but to help the other person return to a good relationship with God and the community.

This Gospel challenges me to examine how I deal with conflicts in my own life. Sometimes, it is easier to avoid the person or talk about the problem with others. However, Jesus calls me to have the courage to speak with honesty, humility, and respect. I need to ask myself: When I have a conflict with someone, do I approach that person with love and honesty, or do I avoid the problem and speak about them to others?

Jesus also reminds me that correction is not only something I give to others; it is also something I need to receive. I am not perfect, and sometimes I need others to help me recognize my mistakes. Therefore, I am called to listen with humility and openness and allow God to help me grow.

Finally, Jesus reminds us that the Christian community is built on prayer and unity. When two or three gather in His name, He is present among them. This gives me hope that Christ can heal broken relationships, strengthen forgiveness, and restore peace in our lives. ~ Francis Bùi CSSp

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for September: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Feast of St Aidan Celebration. This Sunday, 6th September we will be celebrating the feast of St Aidan with a BBQ. Everyone is invited. Please join us after the 10 o'clock Mas and meet some of the other parishioners.

The BBQ will take place at the back of the Church.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, Saturday 19th September

There are no more spaces left.

For those whose space has been confirmed please do bring the money and the registration form for the trip to the parish office. The cost is £30 for adults and £20 for children. Children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

The plan is to leave from Our Lady of Lourdes by coach at 6.30am and get back to Acton at about 8pm.

Music at St Aidan: this will start again this Sunday at the 10 o'clock Mass. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to join the music group.

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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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.

RCIA 2026-27 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic. Those seeking the sacraments of Baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, whose who were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church and adults who were baptized in the Catholic church, but did not receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Forms are available at the back of the church and should be returned to the Parish office by the 1st September.

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.

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

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." *Matthew 18:20*



Kids' Corner

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

Climate Crisis Would you like to know more about the climate crisis and what can be done about it? Join us for a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing - an eye-opening 50-minute film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like: extreme weather, food security, health and the cost of living. The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK. After the film there will be an open discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do locally. NB: This screening is strictly for ages 16+ and will take place in St Peter and Paul's church hall, Leyborne Avenue, on **September 19th at 3.30 pm.** Entry is by free ticket from https://buytickets.at/stpeterandpaulnorthfields/2376137 - or scan the QR code - limited availability. The evening Mass at 6.00pm will be for the Care of Creation, to which all are welcome.

Are you the current or next Youth Ministry Leader? **Upper Room Leadership Programme** equips Catholics to lead and inspire the next generation through faith, formation, practical training and ministry experience. The programme ends with a youth ministry qualification and pilgrimage to Lourdes with expectation for you to serve and lead in your parish! To sign up by **16 September 2026** and learn more please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/

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!



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.

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.

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 or please follow this QR code:

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

6th September 2026 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Saturday 5th September		
6:30 pm	Stephen Gollogly	R.I.P.
Sunday 6th September	**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Sio Family Edward Stourton Francis Chua	Thanksgiving R.I.P. 50th birthday—blessings
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 7th September	**NO MASS**	
Tues 8th September	**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	
10 am	Francis Chua	50th Birthday
Wed 9th September		
10 am	Maximo Malabuyo	R.I.P. Anniversary
Thurs 10th September		
10 am	Ranniel Sio	Birthday blessing and Thanksgiving
Friday 11th September		
10 am	People in the Parish	Special intentions
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	

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.