ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st November 2026



There are lovely stained-glass windows in many of our churches. Almost all of them will be of saints. A teacher once asked the children what a saint was and one of them, thinking of the stained-glass windows in her church, said that a saint was someone who lets the light in. A saint lets the light of the Lord's presence shine through their lives. Just as there are many colours in a stained-glass window, so the light of Christ can shine through people's lives in a whole variety of ways. We each reflect the light of the Lord in a way that is unique to each of us. Grace always builds on nature. The particular way that the light of the Lord's loving presence shines through any one of us will be in keeping with our distinct nature and personality. The Lord needs all of us, all of our colours, if he is to shine in our world today.

Today we are not only celebrating the saints who are often depicted in our stained-glass windows and in various images, the canonized saints. We are also celebrating the lives of saintly people who often go unnoticed, who live among us and who would never think of themselves as saints. They will never appear in stained glass windows to let natural light through. Yet, a heavenly light, the light of the Lord's loving presence, shone through their lives. They are to be found among what today's first reading refers to as a 'huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe, and language'. There are such people among us now. In a whole variety of ways they allow the light of the Lord's loving presence to shine through them.

We are all called to be saints, people who let the Lord's light in, the light of heaven. Holiness is a way of life, the Lord's way of life. We are holy, saintly, when we allow the Spirit of the Lord to shape our lives, when the fruit of the Holy Spirit is visible in our lives, what Saint Paul calls the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. We have all known people whose lives were rich in this fruit of the Spirit and we have been blessed because of them. Such people make our world a more humane place. The Spirit of God's loving presence in their lives helps to renew the face of the earth.

On this feast of all saints, may we can all recognize something of ourselves in the saints. May all the saints help us, by their earthly example and their heavenly prayers.

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for November: For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During the month of November we will be praying for your deceased relatives and loved ones. Please pick up a "November List of all souls" envelope from the back of the church. Inside the envelope is a form where you can list all the names of the deceased that you want to pray for. Please put the list and your donation, back into the envelope and place it in the "November All Souls Bod" on the altar during November. You will also be able to bring photos of your loved ones who have died and place them in from of the altar throughout the months of November as we continue to remember and pray for them. We will place the photos around the altar because we know that in every celebration of the Eucharist, heaven and earth are united. The living and the dead are made one. All are bound together in the spirit of Christ.





There is going to be a Special Mass for all our deceased ones on Thursday 26th November at 7pm .

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
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Youth Corner

The next youth meeting will be on Tuesday 24th November at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Youth events are for all young people from School Year 8 to the age of 25 years old, plus our Confirmation Class.

They will also he hosting a **Quiz night on Friday 27th November at 7:30** pm in OLOL Parish Hall.

Some of 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.

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

Baptism Preparation Course 2026: The next baptism course will take place in the new year. Please do come to the parish office to fill in the forms and register.

First Holy Communion: the next Holy communion class will take place on Sunday the 8th November after the 10 o'clock Mass.

Confirmation 2027: confirmation candidates are expected to attend the youth meetings at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. The next one is on Tuesday 24th November at 7pm.

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at **https://www.adaywithmary.org/**

ALL SOULS MASS: MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 7PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: we are planning to do a big clean up to prepare our church for a fire inspection and for Christmas. This will take place on **Tuesday 17th November and if needed on Thursday 19th November.** If you have time please do join our group of volunteers on Thursdays after the 10 o'clock mass.



Running Club and Walking Club: the next monthly run/walk will be on Saturday 31st October. Please come and join us. We meet at 8am outside the church fand runners and walkers are invited to breakfast in the hall afterwards. All are welcome!



Kids' Corner



CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

St Vincent's Primary School: Nursery & Reception Application Forms for admission in **September 2027** are currently available from the School website at www.st-vincents.ealing.sch.uk/admissions . The online applications may be submitted until the deadline of **15th January 2027**. For more information, please contact admissions@stvps.co.uk .

Open Days – St Vincent's Primary School will be hosting Open Days for prospective parents on Saturday 7th November at 2pm, Tuesday 10th November at 9.30am and Tuesday 17th November at 9.30am. For registration forms, please visit www.st-vincents.ealing.sch.uk/open-days .

The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School - We warmly invite Year 11 students and families to join us for our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **Wednesday 11th November 2026** at **6pm**. Please come and explore the amazing subjects and opportunities we have to offer. We look forward to meeting you all'.

Gunnersbury Catholic School External Sixth Form Open Days 2026

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2026 5pm – 7pm

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

An Invitation: The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary has had a community presence at 372 Uxbridge Road since 1956. Sadly, but unavoidably, we are now leaving Ealing. Before we go we would like to say goodbye and thank you in person for your wonderful support over the years.

We would be delighted if you would join us for a cup of tea on either:

Saturday 21st November, between 11am and 5pm, or
Sunday 22nd November, between 2pm and 5pm

Please just drop in. All are welcome, and we would love to see you.

If you are unable to come, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of knowing you and of sharing in your life, with its joys and sorrows. Be assured that we will keep you always in our prayers and our fond memories.

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.

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.

Volunteering Opportunity for Young Catholics (18–34)

*Caritas Westminster, in partnership with the Irish Chaplaincy and Anna Chaplaincy, is offering **free training** in prayerful accompaniment, listening, and pastoral and spiritual care. The programme includes four sessions (two online and two in person), preparing volunteers to visit older people in care homes, offering companionship and support. No previous experience or Irish background is required. **Please register your interest by Friday 6th November. To register your interest, please click here** - forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mpyr8gYhSr*

CAFOD: *CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact Westminster's CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776*

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

1 November 2026 30th ALL SAINTS (A)

1st Reading: Revelations 7: 2-4, 9-14 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

Saturday 31st October		
6:30 pm	Noreen	Birthday Intention
Sunday 1st November	**ALL SAINTS**	
10am	Jane Carr and Joseph Sammut Emmanuel Cleo Julia Paras	R.I.P. 1st Birthday Thanksgiving
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 2nd November		
7 pm	Michael and Elizabeth Farrelly	R.I.P.
Tues 3rd November		
10 am	For the people in the parish	Special Intention
Wed 4th November	**Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**	
10 am	Piero Possibile	R.I.P.
Thurs 5th November	**Blesse**	
10 am	For the sick in the parish	Special Intention
Friday 6th November		
10 am	For the young people in the parish	Special Intention
Saturday 7th November		
6:30 pm	For the people in the parish	Special Intention
Sunday 8th November		
10am	Marioni, Cocchi, Schia and Ragazzo	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.