ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th October 2026



Building our faith.

I think all but the most miserable of people love a good party. In today's readings we are shown two occasions when a 'feast' is set before God's people, and the invites are sent out to come and party. Isaiah looks to a time when the People of God can enjoy the benefits of the Lord's generosity and consolation. In Jesus' parable, the wedding banquet is laid out for the guests and the King (God) sends out to see who will respond to the invite. Both are metaphors for belonging to and taking part in the Kingdom of God; the Kingdom which is the fullness of life promised to those who love and follow God and his teachings. You'd think everyone would jump at it but Jesus' parable contains a warming about the apathy that greets God's invitation from some quarters. Some of those invited miss the chance to enter the Kingdom (the feast) because they don't see it as important: 'farms', 'businesses' and power are of more importance.

Our Christian calling is to be on the lookout for God's invitation. Reflecting on the responses of the people in the parable, we should ask ourselves honestly which camp would we be in? Are we delighted to be invited and eager to attend? Or do we think we've got better places to be, and God's timing is a bit inconvenient? It is sometimes hard to see a genuine God-sent invitation when it lands. This week, let us pray for the watchfulness and wisdom needed to get involved with God's plans for his Kingdom. RSVP. ~

Eva Harrison

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for October:

For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

The Second Collection : next Sunday the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio—his charity for world mission—through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. **To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 02078219755 (office hours) or visit mission.org.uk to give a gift, set up a direct Debit and gift aid your donation if possi-**

CAFOD: thank you so much for your generous donations. Last weekend we raised £157.52 at the soup kitchen and £407.50 in our church special collection.

Parish office: the parish office will be closed on Tuesday 13th and on Thursday 15th as Paola is on annual leave. It will be open again from Tuesday 20th October. Please send a mail with your requests at actoneast@rcdow.org.uk .

The church is open
Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
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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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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: the first Holy communion class will take place on Sunday the 11th October after the 10 o'clock Mass.

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.

Fire drill: the fire wardens will carry out a fire drill at all masses on the 24th and 25th October.

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



Kids' Corner

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come."

Matthew 22:1-2



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 .

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/**

Parish Finances August 2026:	Thank you
Offertory Income	£2935.20
Candles	£374.31
Poor Box (Running Balance)	£4849.18

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: the next monthly run/wask 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!



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.



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

11th October 2026 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Saturday 10th October		
6:30 pm	Elizabeth Morgan Francesca Barberis	R.I.P. Anniversary R.I.P.
Sunday 11th October	**TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Eldora and Michael Mary Thompson Anthony Navarro	15th Wedding Anniversary R.I.P. R.I.P.
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 12th October	**NO MASS**	
Tues 13th October	**Saint Edward the Confessor, Patron of the Diocese**	
10 am	David Shaw	R.I.P.
Wed 14th October		
10 am	Anthony Navarro	R.I.P.
Thurs 15th October	**Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**	
10 am	For the musicians in the parish	Special Intention
Friday 16th October		
10 am	For the young people in our parish	Special Intention
Saturday 17th October		
6:30 pm	For the people in the parish	Special Intention
Sunday 18th October	**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Pow Family	Thanksgiving
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.