ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th November 2026



Keeping Our Lamps Burning

In the past, sanctuary lamps were always oil lamps, burning before the Blessed Sacrament as a sign of Christ's presence in the tabernacle. Churches would receive donations of olive oil from people who wished to help keep these lamps burning. Some offered oil as an expression of thanksgiving for prayers answered, while others did so simply out of devotion and love for God. For many, it was a meaningful sacrifice, particularly when olive oil was expensive and household resources were limited. It was a simple but beautiful way of expressing faith, gratitude and a desire to honour the presence of Christ.

This brings to mind today's Gospel, the parable of the ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom. The wise ones brought oil for their lamps, while the foolish ones did not. When the bridegroom arrived, only those who were prepared could welcome him.

Perhaps the oil in their lamps represents something of the love we carry in our hearts for God. It is something personal. We cannot borrow someone else's love for God. Each of us must develop our own relationship with Him.

But how does this love grow? Our hearts are like lamps. Before a lamp can shine brightly, it needs oil. In the same way, our faith needs to be nourished. We first receive God's love as a gift, particularly through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession. Through prayer and listening to His Word, we learn to remain close to Him.

The challenge of today's Gospel is simple. We cannot leave our relationship with God until the last moment. We need to nurture it each day, so that when the Lord comes, our lamps will be burning brightly. ~ Deacon Tito

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for November:
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
WRCDT Acton East
Account No. 41095277
Sort Code: 40-05-20
Reference: Surname and First Initial



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.

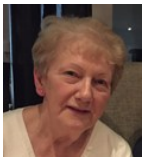
Some of our young people will be travelling to South Korea in 2027 for World Youth Day! If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to the office marked World Youth Day.

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.



Kathy Finnegan R.I.P.: we are sad to inform you that Kathy died on Sunday 1st November. Kathy was a valued member of St Aidan's church where she volunteered in many different capacities. Please do keep her family in your prayers. Funeral details will follow.

NEXT WEEKS COLLECTION: is for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. By supporting thie sick and Retired Priest's fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency their needs will be met.

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 28th November. 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

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13



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 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

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*

***For more information,** please email cianofarrell@rcdow.org.uk*

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 493162*

Goodbye to Fr. Chris & Fr. Fergal: The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary served this parish for many years. Sadly they are leaving Ealing so would like to say goodbye and thank you, in person, for your wonderful support over the years. Drop in on Sat 21st November 11am-5pm or Sun 22nd November 2pm-5pm at 372 Uxbridge Road.

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.



Tickets for the Quiz Night can be bought by scanning the QR code in the poster. They will also be on sale at the back of the church after each Mass.

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

8 November 2026 32nd Sunday in ordinary Time (A)

1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday 7th November		
6:30 pm	For the people in the parish All those on our ALL SOULS November List	Special intentions R.I.P.
Sunday 8th November	**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Marioni, Cocchi, Schia and Ragazzo Sio Family Berhane Abraha All those on our ALL SOULS November List	R.I.P. Thanksgiving R.I.P. R.I.P.
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 9th November	**NO MASS**	
Tues 10th November	**Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**	
10 am	Michael and Elizabeth Farrelly All those on our ALL SOULS November List	R.I.P. R.I.P.
Wed 11th November	**Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**	
10 am	Beschizza, Curati and Schia All those on our ALL SOULS November List	R.I.P. R.I.P.
Thurs 12th November	**Saint Josaphat, bishop and Martyr**	
10 am	For the sick in the parish All those on our ALL SOULS November List	Special Intention R.I.P.
Friday 13th November		
10 am	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary All those on our ALL SOULS November List	Special Intentions R.I.P.
Saturday 14th November		
6:30 pm	June Massiah All those on our ALL SOULS November List	R.I.P. Birthday Anniversary R.I.P.
Sunday 15th November	**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Irene Cattini Pow Family All those on our ALL SOULS November List	R.I.P. Thanksgiving 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.