

# St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

## SACRAMENTS & FUNERALS AT ST AIDAN'S

**BAPTISM:** By appointment after completing a Baptism Preparation Course. Please contact St Aidan's office as early as possible in your planning. **Next course dates – 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

**MARRIAGE:** By appointment after completion of a Marriage Preparation Course. Please contact the office BEFORE making any firm plans.

**FUNERALS:** By arrangement with the Parish Priest. Please contact the office BEFORE making any firm arrangements with undertakers or the crematorium.

If you would like something included in the newsletter, please email the office. Deadline for next week: Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Mass <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11.00am	Mass	Mike & Mary Allen (Sp Int)	12noon 1.00pm	Tea and Coffee in the Hall Parish Lunch in the Hall
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>		9.00am	Rosary
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>		9.00am	Rosary
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>		9.00am 10.00am	Rosary SVP Meeting
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>		9.00am	Rosary
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>		9.00am	Rosary
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Mass <b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	Manuel Castelino RIP	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon 12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall Baptism Preparation Course in the Presbytery

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>: AB ShH CQ MW & C; Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: AB LJ AS RS & Z  
 Sat 30<sup>th</sup>: PA KC SuH MH & D; Sun 1<sup>st</sup>: SA AB JH BR & X

Collection for 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September: £510.74  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Home Mission Sunday: £214.15  
 Standing orders: £502.00

## FR KEN WRITES

The two permanent Deacons in our pastoral area, David Curtis and Peter Collins, in addition to helping at Chesham and Great Missenden, will in future be taking a turn with some of the Saturday/Sunday homilies and officiating at Baptisms. This weekend we give a warm welcome to Deacon David Curtis.

THE TABLET – Some of you, I know, subscribe to one of the Catholic papers and it is good to keep up with the news in this way. This week, and for several following, free copies of The Tablet will be available in the narthex, hopefully to whet your appetite to order a copy regularly.

## LOURDES 2017

Deacon John writes: Our local HCPT Group, that the parish and others supported in lieu of a gift for me when I retired from parish ministry in June, will be at Hosanna House in Lourdes from 22<sup>nd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September. You will all be specially remembered in their prayers for your great generosity which raised the magnificent sum of £7,667.24 (including the Gift Aid) of which about a half came from parishioners. Thank you again for this truly amazing 'retirement gift' to HCPT.

## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

If you missed Mass last weekend please take a minute to visit our website and read the newsletter from last week:

<http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/newsletters/>

We are very short of volunteers in many areas of Parish life, and we would encourage you to think about what you can do to help our parish thrive.



## RISE THEATRE

St Joseph's in Chalfont St Peter is delighted to welcome RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company, who will be performing their original play "*Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador*" in the Hall on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October** at 7:30pm. The production tells the true story of Blessed Oscar Romero and his heart for the oppressed people of El Salvador. Romero chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. He demanded respect for human rights. Come and experience this exciting new play, performed with energy and passion by the RISE Theatre team - [www.risetheatre.co.uk](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk). For booking information and tickets priced at £8 (£6 concessions), please contact the Parish Office on 01753 886581 or [office@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs.org.uk).

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

If you think God is calling you to the priesthood, come and join us at Northampton Cathedral on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. For more details please contact Fr Mark Floody on 01604 714556 or Fr Andy Richardson on 01628 605764.

## CALLED AND CHOSEN

The 25<sup>th</sup> NORES lecture will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm, and is entitled: "Called and Chosen". We are called as Christians to live God's choice for us through our baptism – in every way and walk of life. How are you called and are you listening?

Please see the poster for more information. If you would like to attend but need a lift please let the office know.

## BAPTISM

Baptisms are by appointment after completing a Baptism Preparation Course. The next course will be on 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October after Sunday Mass, and is open to those families who are expecting as well as those whose babies have already been born. The 1<sup>st</sup> October is **next weekend** so please sign up by filling in the enquiry form on our parish website: <http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/baptism/>

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The sign-up list for First Holy Communion 2018 is open for children in Year 3 and above. The programme will start in November and conclude with a special Mass in May 2018.

Please sign up by the end of September via the parish website:

<http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/first-holy-communion/>

## CONFIRMATION

Please speak to Brian Gallagher or email the office by the end of October if you are interested in Confirmation in 2018.