St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week:

Monday 27th & Thursday 30th November

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 - to be announced. 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 29th Nov

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING 26th November 2017 Time Mass/Service of Date Mass intention Other Services/events Communion Sat 25th 6.00pm **YOUTH Mass** – including People of the 4.45pm First Holy Communion Nov Induction of First Parish Childrens' Session in the Hall 5.15-5.45pm Confessions Communicants **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, DVD of Advent Message from Bishop** UNIVERSAL KING Peter Doyle 2nd Collection: **Catholic Youth Service** Sun 26th 11.00am Mass Phil Finch RIP Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12noon Nov 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall Mon 27th 9.30am Mary Nelson RIP Rosary Mass - Feria 9.00am Nov Tues 28th 9.30am Mass - Feria Patrick Shovelin 9.00am Rosary RIP Nov Wed 29th 9.30am Mass – Feria Sarah De Camp 9.00am Rosary RIP Nov Thus 30th 9.30am Mass – St Andrew Maura Naughton 9.00am Rosary Nov (Sp Int) Fri 1st Dec 9.30am Mass – Feria Mary Nelson RIP 9.00am Rosary 10.00-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm Guide & Scout Carol Service Sat 2nd Dec 6.00pm Mass 5.15-5.45pm Confessions **FIRST SUNDAY OF** ADVENT 2nd Collection: **Diocesan Priests' Fund** Sun 3rd Dec 11.00am Mass 12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 25th: PA ShH CQ JS & B; Sun 26th: AB JH MW & Z Sat 2nd: TBC; Sun 3rd: TBC

FR KEN WRITES

The observant will have noticed the very pleasing new aumbry for the Holy Oils, situated near the font and beneath the icon of St Aidan. It has been very kindly donated by John and Mary Crowshaw, and by making the oils more visible, highlights the importance of them in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the anointing of the sick.

Thank you, John and Mary.

SOME BOOKS WORTH READING:

Occasionally I will mention in this bulletin a few of the books that I have found worthwhile reading. Several I would, if you were interested, be able to lend, although often I have read them on my kindle, and hence am unable to pass them on!

"Jo Cox – More in Common" by Brendan Cox. This is by the husband of Jo Cox, MP, whose murder in June 2016 shocked the world. Brendan gives a very moving portrait of Jo and all that she stood for. 'Jo would have no regrets about her life, she lived every day of it to the full'.

"Jesus before Christianity" by Albery Nolan, O.P. This is a portrait of Jesus as the man before he became enshrined in doctrine, dogma and ritual, a man deeply involved in the real problems of his time – which are the real problems of our time as well. His analysis of what Jesus meant by 'the kingdom' is well thought out and presented.

THE GIVING TREE IS BACK!

The giving tree will be in the narthex next weekend Discovering a new way of experiencing the presence for the First Sunday of Advent. Your generosity for of God for yourself and for other people. Next those less fortunate will be much appreciated. Please Saturday 2nd December, Rev John Ryeland, the take a label from the tree, and when you have **Director of The Christian Healing Mission** obtained the item, wrap it as a Christmas present and (www.healingmission.org), will be coming with his stick the label on it so it can be seen what is inside. All wife Gillian to St Joseph's Church in Chalfont St Peter. gifts need to be returned to the boxes provided in the As John speaks around the country, people encounter narthex by 17th December, so NOAH, the Centre for Jesus in a new way, lives and situations are the homeless in Luton, have got time to distribute transformed, and frequently healing takes place. The them in time for Christmas. morning is for those who wish to find out about Thank you so much. Encounter Prayer and to experience this kind of healing prayer for themselves. For those who wish to **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** learn how to pray more confidently with others, in the Please take a copy from the back of church of afternoon John and Gillian will help guide us. There is CAFOD's World Gifts Christmas catalogue - 'The true a poster in the narthex with more information, or spirit of Christmas giving'. Free delivery on orders phone Maureen 01494 870396 or Sally 01753 883270.

placed before 15th December.

TO ALL MISSIO SUPPORTERS:

For those of you who have Red Box money which now CAFOD have written to thank all the parishioners at St needs to be collected please contact the new local Aidan's for our generous support of the Harvest Fast secretary, Caroline Quinn at Day. We sent a total of £1,016.43. cquinn135@btinternet.com to arrange this. "Please know that your gifts and prayers will really Your Mission Today calendars are available for make a lasting difference to the lives of so many". The collection from the narthex. full letter is on the noticeboard if you would like to Thank you for your support of this charity. read it. **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!**

The second annual concert in support of Lighthouse Great Missenden (A Christian summer holiday club for children) will be held at St Peter and Paul, Great Missenden, at 7.30pm on Monday 18th December. Adults £9, concessions £6 and children £2. Please see the poster or email <u>cooks4@btinternet.co.uk</u> for more information.

LETTING THE KINGDOM COME

NEWS FROM CAFOD