

# St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions <b>DVD of Advent Message from Bishop Peter Doyle</b>
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	Jose Guiren RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass	Bob Farren (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting in Presbytery
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass	Davide Bratassani RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass	Carmel Ryall RIP	9.00am Rosary 7.30pm 'The Expectation of Mary for us this advent' reflection evening by Fr Ken at St Columba's
Thus 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass	Ann & Liam Long (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Communion Service		9.00am Rosary
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	Willie Kelly (Sp Int)	10.15am Nativity Rehearsal in Church 12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>: TBC;  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup>: TBC;

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>: TBC  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: TBC

Collection for 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Nov:

£496.20

Standing orders:

£502.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Youth Service

£203.13

## FR KEN WRITES

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!

"A Nun's Story" by Sister Agatha. On a day when Shirley Leach was writing to her fiancée about the purchase of chairs for their new home, her hand stopped writing unbidden and continued by itself. "But there's no point now, as I am going to be a nun". The story of how this happened and subsequent events in her life make fascinating reading. Sister Agatha is now in her eighties, at the Bar Convent in York.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

## PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall. The sign-up list is in the narthex. £4 for a 2-course lunch and a glass of wine.

## ADVENT REFLECTION DAY

All are welcome to an Advent Reflection Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Turvey. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more information and book via the Nores office: [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)

## CHILTERN CHAMBER CHOIR

present Handel's Messiah, at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm. Tickets in advance £14, on the door £16 (under 18's free). Please go to [www.chilternchamberchoir.com](http://www.chilternchamberchoir.com) for more information and to book tickets.

## THE GIVING TREE IS BACK!

The giving tree will be in the narthex next weekend for the First Sunday of Advent. Your generosity for those less fortunate will be much appreciated. Please take a label from the tree, and when you have obtained the item, wrap it as a Christmas present and stick the label on it so it can be seen what is inside. All gifts need to be returned to the boxes provided in the narthex by 17<sup>th</sup> December, so NOAH, the Centre for the homeless in Luton, have got time to distribute them in time for Christmas. Thank you so much.

## CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

### Calling all actors!

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for any children of primary school age who wish to dress up and act, and any older children and teenagers who wish to be narrators for our nativity during the first Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve 6pm).

Please add your children's name and your contact details to the sign up sheet. Rehearsals will be Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.15-11am, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.15-11am, and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm, and parents will need to stay with their children during rehearsals. All costumes will be provided. If you have any questions or would like more information please email the office.

Thank you very much to the parents who have come forward to organise this again and continue this wonderful St Aidan's tradition.

## NEWS FROM MISSIO

Missio have written to thank the parishioners of St Aidan's for donating £429.77 on World Mission Sunday. The letter is on the noticeboard if you would like to 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 18<sup>th</sup> December. Adults £9, concessions £6 and children £2. Please see the poster or email [cooks4@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:cooks4@btinternet.co.uk) for more information.