

# St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</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.

### FR KEN WRITES

We have now only a week before Christmas itself and I hope you are taking advantage of the various opportunities of going to confession. We have had them here this Saturday and there will be a further opportunity next Saturday from 5.15-5.45pm.

And as announced last week, there will be a service of Reconciliation with individual confessions at St Joseph's on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm; at the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, and confessions at Our Lady's from 10.15-11.00am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

All other times are clearly set out in this bulletin and in the Pastoral area leaflet in the narthex, which you are welcome to take away with you.

### A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

A five week course for Lent 2018. This programme explores where the words and gestures we use in the Mass each week come from, explaining their significance, giving insights for getting the most out of every Mass – and much more. This course will run at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter on Wednesday evenings starting on 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7:45pm for 8pm. It will run simultaneously on Thursday mornings starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30am. If you wish to enrol, please contact St Joseph's Parish Office ([office@stjosephs.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs.org.uk) or 01753 886581) to sign up.

**Deadline for enrolment and payment of £20 per person is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January** as this is the last opportunity to order the course materials.

### OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The office will close on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-open on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Deadline for bulletin entries for the next two weeks is 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: SL AM GM & B; Sun 17<sup>th</sup>: SA RS FM & X  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: See sign-up sheet in narthex

### THE GIVING TREE

Please remember this weekend is your last opportunity to leave a gift for NOAH (The Centre for the homeless in Luton) to distribute before Christmas.

### CHILTERN CHAMBER CHOIR

present Handel's Messiah, at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm. Please go to [www.chilternchamberchoir.com](http://www.chilternchamberchoir.com) for more information and to book tickets.

### CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!

A concert in support of Lighthouse Great Missenden will be held at St Peter and Paul, Great Missenden, at 7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the poster or email [cooks4@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:cooks4@btinternet.co.uk) for more information.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Collections at all three Christmas Masses will be donated to the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (MoPSA).

Collection for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: **£298.17**  
Standing orders: **£502.00**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	<b>YOUTH Mass</b>	Mary Nelson RIP	<b>10-11.00am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		<b>4.30-5.45pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	10.15am 12noon 1.00pm	Nativity Rehearsal in Church Tea and Coffee in the Hall Parish Lunch
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Paulie & Larry O'Riordan (Sp Int)	9.00am	Rosary
				8.00pm	Reconciliation Service at St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Breda & Eddie O'Riordan (Sp Int)	9.00am	Rosary
				7.30pm	Reconciliation Service at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden
Thus 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Tom Jones RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Phillipa Golding RIP	9.00am	Rosary

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass	Horace Jones RIP	10.15-11am 5.00pm 5.15-5.45pm	Confessions at Our Lady's Nativity Rehearsal in Church Confessions
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

25<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass	Michael Landers RIP	8.00pm	Vigil of prayer and Carols followed by Mass at 8.30pm
	8.30pm	'Midnight' Mass	Private Intention	<b>Offertory collections at the Christmas Masses will be donated to the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (MoPSA).</b>	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	<b>NO COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS</b>	

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December there will be daily Mass at 9.30am as usual

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Nelson RIP	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
				11pm-Midnight	Vigil of Prayer with Benediction