

St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: **Office closed until Thursday 4th January**

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

Firstly, I would like to thank very much those of you who have been so generous and thoughtful to me personally and to those who are being helped through the Missionaries of the Poor (the MoPSA collection) this Christmas. **Thank you.**

Then, next weekend is the feast of the Holy Family, and here at St Aidan's, on this occasion we always have the renewal of marriage vows during both the Saturday evening and the Sunday Masses. This is also a good opportunity for those who are Catholic to come with your non-Catholic husband/wife, and for those who are not married (single, widowed, divorced etc), to join with all of us in prayer and thanksgiving.

Finally, you may like to join us in the hour of prayer on Sunday evening, New Year's Eve, from 11pm to midnight, when we end with Benediction as the year 2018 begins.

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 21st February at 7:45pm for 8pm. It will run simultaneously on Thursday mornings starting on 22nd February at 9.30am. If you wish to enrol, please contact St Joseph's Parish Office (office@stjosephs.org.uk or 01753 886581) to sign up.

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

THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who supported the giving tree this advent by leaving a gift for NOAH (The Centre for the homeless in Luton) to distribute before Christmas.

OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The office has now closed for Christmas, and will re-open on Thursday 4th January.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Collection for 16th & 17th Dec: £639.36
Standing orders: £502.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24th December 2017

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

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

25th December 2017

Sun 24 th 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	Offertory collections at the Christmas Masses will be donated to the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (MoPSA).	
Mon 25 th Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	NO COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS	
Tues 26 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – St Stephen	Adrian Hawley RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Wed 27 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – St John	Manuel & Julieta Castelino (RIP)	9.00am	Rosary
Thurs 28 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – The Holy Innocents	? Reidy RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Fri 29 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – St Thomas Becket	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am	Rosary

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

31st December 2017

Sat 30 th Dec	6.00pm	Mass and Renewal of Wedding Vows	Mary Nelson RIP	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 31 st Dec	11.00am	Mass and Renewal of Wedding Vows	People of the Parish	12noon 11pm-Midnight	Tea and Coffee in the Hall Vigil of Prayer with Benediction
Mon 1 st Jan	9.30am	Mass – Mary, Mother of God		9.00am	Rosary

May the message of Christmas find a home in your heart