

St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: Monday 5th Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th Feb

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 – 4th, 11th & 18th March.

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 7th Feb

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 4th February 2018

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
Sat 3 rd Feb	6.00pm	Mass – with involvement of the children FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish	5.00pm	First Reconciliation in the Church
				5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 4 th Feb	11.00am	Mass	Moira Bennett RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 5 th Feb	9.30am	Mass – St Agatha	Davis Mellerick RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Tues 6 th Feb	9.30am	Mass – SS Paul Miki & Companions	Pauline Hennessy RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Wed 7 th Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Beryl Smith (Sp Int)	9.00am	Rosary
Thus 8 th Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Edward Hill RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Fri 9 th Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Seamus Tumilty RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Sat 10 th Feb	6.00pm	Mass SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Retiring collection for the SVP	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 11 th Feb	11.00am	Mass	Manuel Castelino RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM	Collection for 27th & 28th Jan:	£479.51
Sat 3 rd : AM GM CQ & A; Sun 4 th : EW LJ FM & Y	Standing orders:	£502.00
Sat 10 th : FO BR JS & B; Sun 11 th : JH RS MW & V	2nd Collection for Racial Justice:	£213.11

FR KEN WRITES

First Holy Communion Children

This weekend the children preparing for their First Holy Communion have made their First Confession. **You are invited to be a 'prayer sponsor' for one of this year's children.** This means taking a card bearing the name of a child whom you will pray for regularly between now and the First Communion Mass in May. In this way the children will become already very much a part of the parish community. Thank you.

Passover Supper

We have not held a Christian Passover Supper for several years, but this year it will take place on Friday 23rd February, at 7pm in the parish hall. I hope many of you will book the date and **purchase a 'programme'**. This will give all the details and cover the cost of a full meal including drinks, and will be £8 for adults and £3 for children.

For those who have not previously experienced such an event I would encourage you to come, as it is a wonderful way of understanding the background to the Mass, as well as being a very enjoyable social event. Families with young people are especially welcome, with a much reduced price for children.

Fr Jacob

We welcome Fr Jacob this week. He has stayed with us before, and is from central Africa, presently working in Florence, Italy. He will be with us until 13th February, and would appreciate any help you could give him in perfecting his English

Baptism

Baptisms are by appointment after completing a Baptism Preparation Course. The next course will be on 4th, 11th & 18th March, and is open to those families who are expecting as well as those whose babies have already been born. Please sign up by filling in the enquiry form on our parish website:

<http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/baptism/baptism-enquiry-form.php>

ST PATRICK'S SOCIAL

The St. Patrick's Social will be on Friday 16th March with music from Vince and Alice and an exhibition of Irish Dance from Aidan Taylor, current Southern England Champion and his sister Roisin. Both Aidan and Roisin have qualified for the World Championships at the end of March.

Vince and Alice would welcome the help of more musicians. On the night they play simple melodies for the most part and music can be provided. If you can help please see Vince or Mike Allen.

BISHOP PETER WARMLY INVITES YOU TO.....

the Diocesan Mass for Married Life, on Saturday 3rd March, at The Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD. Gathering will commence from 11.30am and Mass will follow at 12 noon.

Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone this year please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorro on 07412 151517, or at mfl@northamptondiocese.com. All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

NYMO (Northampton Youth Ministry Office) will be joining Bishop Peter Doyle and other members of our diocesan family at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August 2018. This meeting is open to all and their group will be focussed on those ages 16 – 30yrs. The cost of the pilgrimage is £550 and includes travel, accommodation and meals. There are flyers in the narthex, and further information is on their website: www.nymo.org or please email info@nymo.org

HELPING OUR PARISHES PASS ON THE FAITH

The Diocese have arranged an event exploring resources to assist parishes in their mission of passing on the Faith. This will be led by David Wills, on Saturday 17th March, from 10am – 4pm at St Teresa's Church Hall, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL. Please see the booking forms in the narthex for more information, and speak to Fr Ken or contact the office if you would like to attend.