

St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: Mon 26th, Wed 28th & Thurs 29th March

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 28th March

PALM SUNDAY 25th March 2018

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 24 th March	6.00pm	Mass PALM SUNDAY with blessing of Palms at both Masses	People of the Parish	11.00-12noon Confessions 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 25 th March	11.00am	Mass	Mary Walsh RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall
Mon 26 th March	9.30am	Mass – of Holy Week	Kieran Neary RIP	9.00am Rosary
Tues 27 th March	9.30am	Mass – of Holy Week	Fr Bustin RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 28 th March	9.30am	Mass – of Holy Week	Susie Barclay RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am SVP Meeting
MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by prayer at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm		11.00am Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral – All Welcome
GOOD FRIDAY A day of fasting and abstinence	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord <i>Retiring collection for Christians in the Holy Land.</i>		10.00am Walk of Witness starting at St George's Church 3.00pm Children's Stations of the Cross in the Hall
HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm	Easter Vigil with First Mass of the Resurrection <i>Offertory collections to MoPSA</i>	People of the Parish	10.00-11.00am Confessions
EASTER SUNDAY	11.00am	Mass of the Resurrection	Maureen Tobin RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 2.00pm Baptism of Megan Kelly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM
 Sat 24th: KC LH ShH & D; Sun 25th: JJ RS EW & Y
 Easter Services: See separate sign-up sheet

Collection for 17th & 18th March: £466.94
 Standing orders: £502.00

FR KEN WRITES

Holy week is here! – Not many will have the opportunity to take a week off on retreat, but most of us can make these coming days a time when we centre our thoughts and prayer on the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the very heart of our faith.
 So, do try to come and take part in the various services which highlight all that God has done for us through Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 At 3pm on Good Friday, at the same time as the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord in the Church, there will be a Children's Stations of the Cross in the hall. It is a service that is enjoyed by families and is well attended. At the Service, we ask that one or two members of a family (either a parent and child, or two children) come forward to read a very short passage about the station and a short reflection. Once the Stations of the Cross are completed we join the congregation in the church, and the whole service is usually concluded in about an hour.

ST AIDAN'S TODDLER GROUP
 We are delighted to announce that after a long break, the St Aidan's toddler group will be resuming after the Easter Holidays, on Tuesday 16th April from 9.30-11.30am. Many thanks to Charlotte for getting this back up and running. The group needs more volunteers to come forward and help, so if you think this is something you would like to be involved with, please get in touch with the office.

If you are planning on attending please consider putting your family forward for a reading. Either email the office, or add your name and email address to the sign up sheet at the back of church soon as possible, and we will email you a copy of the reading so you have a chance to practice it with your children.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE
'Follow Me – Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John'
 Please take a leaflet from the narthex with information about a bible study course starting in May at St Joseph's Church, which will run on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm, or Thursday mornings at 9.30am. Cost is £20 per person. Please sign up by calling the St Joseph's Parish Office on 01753 886581

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS
 This Churches Together event will leave St. George's church at 10am and walk to the village green where there will be prayers, returning to St. George's for a service at 11am followed by refreshments. All welcome.

ST PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL
 Last Friday 16th March, 42 persons enjoyed some wonderful music and exhibition Irish dance and generated a profit of £250, which Fr. Ken has kindly agreed can be donated to the Palestinian refugees.

QUIET WATERS AT EASTER
 St George's Church on White Lion Road will be open from 2.00-4.00pm on Easter Saturday for you to drop in for peace and reflection, and afterwards stay for tea, cake and a chat in the Hall. This will be a lovely space for quiet meditation between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

ADOREMUS, 7th – 9th September 2018, Liverpool
 We are still looking for a few parishioners from St Aidan's to attend this conference and represent our parish. There is a poster and leaflet in the narthex with more information; please have a look at these and speak to Fr Ken if you would like more information or are interested in attending.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
 New boxes of envelopes, starting the weekend of 7th/8th April, are now ready for collection from the narthex. **DO NOT LOOK FOR YOUR OLD NUMBER AS THE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED.** The boxes have been arranged alphabetically by surname. Please ensure that you take the box that has your name and address on it. **If you took a box last week, please double check you haven't taken box 50 by mistake.** If you think you should have a box of envelopes and one has not been allocated to you, please let the parish office know.

For those not familiar with the envelope system, if you are a UK taxpayer and fill in a gift aid form, offertory envelopes are a great way for you to make your weekly offering to the parish, as the church can claim an extra 25p from the government for every £1 you give. Please email the office for more information or if you would like a box of envelopes allocated to you.