

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th January

SACRAMENTS AND FUNERALS AT ST AIDAN'S

BAPTISM: By appointment after completing a Baptism preparation course. Please contact St Aidan's as early as possible in your planning. Next course dates: Early in 2019 - to be confirmed.

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 16th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13th JANUARY 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 12 th Jan	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Eileen Heneghan RIP	4.45pm Children's First Holy Communion Meeting in the Hall 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 13 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 14 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Emily Maria Taylor RIP	9.00am Rosary 2.00pm Churches Together Meeting at St George's Church
Tues 15 th Jan	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Noreen & Patsy Spillane (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Toddler Group in the Hall
Wed 16 th Jan	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am SVP Meeting 7.30pm Liturgy Group Meeting in the Presbytery
Thurs 17 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – St Anthony	Adrian Anderson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Friday 18 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Thomas Dowling RIP	9.00am Rosary
Sat 19 th Jan	6.00pm	Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish	11.00am Baptism of Kenza Annie Lobo 4.00pm Confirmation Class in the Hall 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 20 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	Kevin Kelly RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

I hope we are all settling down now to a regular regime after the Christmas break. There are quite a few happenings in the parish and in our pastoral area and I am sure you will take part in whatever you are able to.

The annual week of prayer for Christian unity begins on Friday 18th January, and it is a reminder to all of us to pray and work together for unity amongst all Christians.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM Sat 12 th : MH PK BR & C; Sun 13 th : AB LJ JJ & X Sat 19 th : SL AM GM & D; Sun 20 th : FM MW EW & Y	Collection for 5th & 6th January: £618.36 Standing orders: £480.00
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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE.

A four week Course at St Joseph's Church, led by Fr Matt Blake OCD.

We began our new Liturgical Year C in Advent. This is often called the 'Year of Luke' because it is his Gospel that is used on Sundays throughout the year. This short course is open to all, and is FREE. The course will run on Wednesday evenings, at 7.45pm for 8pm, and Thursday mornings at 9.30am, on 16/17th, 23/24th & 30/31st January, and 6/7th February.

To sign up please contact St Joseph's Parish Office on 01753 886581 by **MONDAY 14th JANUARY**.

Flyers are available in the narthex.

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be next Sunday 20th January 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. New faces very welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT THE 11AM MASS

This Sunday the children's liturgy will re-start after the Christmas break. This is an opportunity for children of school age who have not yet made their First Holy Communion to gather together and discuss the Gospel. The discussions are aimed at the younger ones, so once children have made their First Holy Communion they should stay with their families in church.

PAX CHRISTI

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday. The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. If you would like to support the work of Pax Christi, please take an envelope from the narthex, and return it with your donation next weekend. Thank you.



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES Shortened Statement on the Settlement Scheme for EU citizens

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here. As the majority are themselves Catholic this is a special pastoral concern for us. The Church has experienced first-hand the extensive contribution that people from across Europe have made to our society. They are an integral and valued part of our parishes, schools and communities. We also recognise the evidence that immigration from Europe has not undermined opportunities for UK citizens, but rather brought considerable economic and social benefits. It is clear that since the 2016 referendum many people living here have faced profound uncertainty and insecurity about their future. Although the reassurances offered by senior politicians are important, people have been given far too little information or binding commitments about their right to stay. For some this has been worsened by the appalling rise in hate crime, which has left them feeling unwelcome or even threatened in the country that has become their home

The government will soon launch a Settlement Scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. We strongly oppose the decision to charge people for securing the rights they already have. This is not only unprincipled but will also create a barrier for larger families or people facing financial difficulties.

Notwithstanding our concerns about these principles and practicalities, it remains a fact that EU citizens must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society. Official information on the Settlement Scheme can be found at: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

Finally we urge the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made their home here - with particular concern at present for our European brothers and sisters.