

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 11th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th March

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. Current course full. Next course dates 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 13th March

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 10th MARCH 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
Sat 9 th March	6.00pm	Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	4.00-6.00pm 5.15-5.45pm	Confirmation Class in the CHURCH Confessions
Sun 10 th March	11.00am	Mass	Ronald Tobin RIP	12noon 12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall Baptism Preparation Course
Mon 11 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Paula Rough RIP	9.00am 8.00pm	Rosary First Holy Communion Parents Meeting in the Hall
Tues 12 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Bridget McKay (Sp Int)	9.00am 9.30am 8.00pm	Rosary Toddler Group in the Hall Pastoral Area Council Meeting at St Joseph's
Wed 13 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	SVP Intentions	9.00am 10.00am 7.30pm	Rosary SVP Meeting Parish Council Meeting in the Presbytery
Thurs 14 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Clare Chetham (Sp Int)	9.00am	Rosary
Friday 15 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Janina Kuzel RIP	9.00am 10.00am	Rosary The Way of the Cross CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
Sat 16 th March	6.00pm	Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Elizabeth Lally RIP	4.00-6.00pm 4.45pm 5.15-5.45pm	Confirmation Class in the Hall Childrens First Holy Communion class in the Hall Confessions
Sun 17 th March	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon 12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall Baptism Preparation Course

FR KEN WRITES

Peter Wilson, one of our good parishioners, has passed from this life to the next, and his funeral will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 26th March. We pray also for Pat, his wife, and all who are bereaved.

I also draw your attention to The Way of the Cross, which will follow the weekday morning Mass on most Friday's of Lent.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 9th: KC SuH CQ & C; Sun 10th: JH JJ FM & X
 Sat 16th: MH PK BR & A; Sun 17th: SA LJ RS & Y

Collection for 2nd & 3rd March: **£530.49**
 Standing orders: **£480.00**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The children's liturgy may have to close due to a lack of volunteers for the rota.

Can you help?

Have your children enjoyed attending in the past, or do your children currently attend? We need both 'leaders', who run the session, reading the children's version of the Gospel and leading a discussion afterwards, and 'helpers', who are there to support the leader. Please speak to Teresa Walker or email the office if you think you can help or would like some more information.

A MOVIE FOR LENT!!

Come and see 'GLOBAL HEALING' in St Aidan's Hall on Thursday 21st March, 7.30pm for 7.45pm. It's a short and inspiring film showing how our faith helps us to care for the world around us.

Then on Thursdays 28th March and 11th April come and join a presentation and reflection on 'Laudato Si' (Praise be to you, my Lord) Pope Francis' 2015 letter on Care for our Common Home using CAFOD'S study guide. Tea & coffee on arrival. Do come along and be inspired for Lent and beyond. Everyone most welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 15th March



CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our

brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. On Friday 15th March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help them? Through CAFOD's global Church network your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope and give whatever you can. If you are a tax payer please do fill in the Gift Aid information on the envelope.

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be Sunday 24th March 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. **THIS MONTH THERE IS A MENU CHOICE:** Bacon & cabbage or Shepherd's Pie. **Please tick your meal choice in the box provided on the list.**

Bishop Peter warmly invites you to **The Diocesan Mass for Married Life** at St Mary's Catholic Church, Woburn Sands, MK17 8NN on Saturday 6th April at 12 noon. All are welcome, particularly those celebrating significant anniversaries. Please RSVP by collecting an invitation from the narthex and returning it with your details to Bishop's House.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL TRUST

We are very privileged in this country to have had a commitment from the Government to Catholic Education. Catholic schools only receive 90% of the Capital Funding of other state schools. As a school we have to find the other 10%. In the increasingly secular society where many people would like to see an end to Catholic education it is really important that Catholic schools can continue to find this funding. The OLS Trust was set up in 2003 to enable the school to buy extra resources and educational equipment that otherwise we could not afford to buy. The Trust spends the income it receives promptly and efficiently so that your children can enjoy the benefits as quickly as possible. The OLS Trust has been well supported in the past with up to 68 families contributing and so far we have raised over £125,000. It is a tax efficient way of saving as the Trust are able to reclaim a further 25% back from all contributions made.

We are seeking new members for the School Trust Board as some existing members are due to leave Our Lady's this year. There is also a project about to be announced in regards to the old headmaster's house that has stood unused on the school grounds for years. It is not a big commitment. It consists of 3 or 4 meetings of no more than 90 minutes each that take place over the school year. The next Trust meeting is scheduled to take place at the school on the 20th March at 8pm. If you are interested please contact Sean Robbie, The Chair of the Trust on srobbie@gmail.com or 07963 557086 for further details.

Contributing to the OLS Trust is easy, either by monthly standing order or a one off payment. Please contact Sean, or the school office for details.

