

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December

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: 8th, 15th & 22nd March 2020.

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 11th Dec

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th DECEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 7 th Dec	6.00pm	Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Richards family - in thanksgiving	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 8 th Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Nativity rehearsal in the church 12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 9 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – Immaculate Conception of the BVM	Pauline O'Riordan (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Tues 10 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Breda & Eddie O'Riordan (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Wed 11 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Noreen & Patsy Spillane (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 12 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Jack Cooper RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 13 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – St Lucy	Jack Cooper RIP	9.00am Rosary
Sat 14 th Dec	6.00pm	Mass THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish	10.30-12noon Confessions 3.30-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 15 th Dec	11.00am	Mass	Phil Finch RIP	12noon Nativity rehearsal in the church 12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

This weekend at both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses there will be the opportunity for all readers (weekday and Sunday) to be recommissioned as readers. Bishop Peter mentioned this in his letter last weekend, and it will take place just after the beginning of Mass.

Are you perfect? If you are honest you will say no, and in that case next Saturday 14th December will be a Day of Reconciliation here at St Aidan's, with confessions from 10.30am until 12noon and 3.30pm until 5.45pm. Please do take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get things right in your lives as we prepare for Christmas.

Finally, booklets will be given out this weekend detailing the Mass times at all the churches in our pastoral area. Please take one home to refer to. The Christmas services at St Aidan's will be as follows:

Tuesday 24 th December	6.00pm	Family Mass with Children's Nativity
	8.00pm	Vigil of Prayer and Carols followed by
	8.30pm	'Midnight' Mass
Wednesday 25 th December	11.00am	Mass of Christmas Day

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 7th: SuH SHH CQ & B; Sun 8th: SA LJ EW & V
 Sat 14th: MH PK SL & C; Sun 15th: JJ FM MW & X

Collection for 30th Nov & 1st Dec: £893.48
 Standing orders: £480.00

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

The first rehearsal for the children's nativity will be directly after Mass this Sunday, with further rehearsals after Mass on Sunday 15th and on Monday 23rd at 2.00pm. Parents will need to stay with their children during rehearsals. All costumes will be provided. Could you please help your children learn the words and sign language to Away in a Manger, using this video on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/c0FsM9GRN94>

YOUTH MASS

Once a month, the music at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass is led by the youth of the Parish. Dates for next term are as follows: 11th January, 1st February, 14th March and 2nd May, so please put these dates in your diary now. We are always looking for new recruits to join the youth music group – **singers and all instruments welcome**. If you are interested in joining in or would like to know more, please contact Sarah: slg6@mac.com or 01494 765895.

CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL EVENTS

There are two ecumenical events this advent:

Little Chalfont Carols on the Green will be on Saturday 14th December at 11.00am.

The Epilepsy Centre Christmas Celebration will be on Tuesday 17th December at **11.00am** (not at 2.00pm as in previous years).

Everyone is welcome to attend these events and it would be lovely to see St Aidan's represented.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are available in the shop in the narthex, both homemade and otherwise

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm there will be a Family Carol Concert followed by refreshments at Amersham Free Church, to raise money for the Friends of the Belarusian Children's Hospice (UK). Tickets: £10 adults, £5 children over 12. Please see the poster for more information.

NEWS FROM CAFOD

CAFOD have written to thank all the parishioners of St Aidan's for our generous support this year, and for our donation to the Harvest Fast Day appeal which raised £825.68 in our parish. The letter is on the noticeboard if anyone would like to read it.



PLAINSONG

During advent, the choir will be using Plainsong for the sung parts of the Mass. If you would like to become more familiar with this then the links below will take you to YouTube videos showing the notation on the screen as the singing takes place:

Holy, Holy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Sc_6tl0wuk&list=PL873E78A9410BE7C6

Acclamation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwvrGAYVLk&list=PL873E78A9410BE7C6&index=3>

Lamb of God: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sOm-ecaDFI&list=PL873E78A9410BE7C6&index=2>