

# St Aidan's Parish

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**The office will close for Christmas on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and re-open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## FR KEN WRITES

As Advent draws to a close I wish you all a very happy and joy-filled Christmas, and with thanks to all of you to help in various ways and who contribute generously to the Christmas collection for the Missionaries of the Poor. The clinic in Nairobi has been blessed by the Bishop but there is still need for interior furnishing.

Then, next weekend is the feast of the Holy Family, and here at St Aidan's, on this occasion we always have the renewal of marriage vows during both the Saturday evening and the Sunday Masses. This is also a good opportunity for those who are Catholic to come with their non-Catholic husband/wife, and for those who are not married (single, widowed, divorced etc), to join with all of us in prayer and thanksgiving.

Finally, you may like to join us in the hour of prayer next Tuesday evening, New Year's Eve, from 11.00pm to midnight, when we end with Benediction as the year 2020 begins.

### MOPSA CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

As in previous years, the collections at the Christmas Masses will be donated to the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (MoPSA). This weekend we will be giving out special envelopes for this purpose. If you are a UK tax payer then please fill out the information on the envelope so MoPSA can gift Aid the money you donate.

**If you usually make your offering via weekly envelopes please do not use the Christmas envelope from the box but a MoPSA one instead. Thank you.**

### CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

There is no rehearsal this weekend. The final rehearsal will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.00pm. Parents will need to stay with their children. If you haven't yet got a costume please speak to Heather ASAP. If your children haven't learnt the words and actions to Away in a Manger could you please help them by using this video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/cOFsM9GRN94>

### WHO ARE THE MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR?

MoPSA supports the Missionaries of the Poor. They raise funds for the poor and destitute who are living in parts of the world where there are insufficient resources.



The Missionaries of the Poor, founded by Fr. Richard Ho Lung and a community of Brothers, have centres in Jamaica, India, Philippines, Haiti, Indonesia, U.S.A. and Africa.

The services provided by the Brothers are given free of charge and include:  
 Food, Clean Water, Shelter and Medicine  
**All funds raised by MoPSA go directly to the Missionaries of the Poor without any deductions for administration.**  
 Thank you for helping to bring life to others.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Sharon Charlesworth (Sp Int)	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Bob & Marion Farren (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary 2.00pm Final Nativity Rehearsal
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No morning Mass at 9.30am			

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Family Mass with Children's Nativity	Michael Landers RIP	8.00pm Vigil of prayer and carols followed by Mass at 8.30pm  <b>Offertory collections at the Christmas Masses will be donated to the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (MoPSA)</b>
	8.30pm	'Midnight' Mass	Private Intention	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	<b>NO COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS</b>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – St Stephen		9.00am Rosary
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – St John	Manuel & Julieta Castelino RIP	9.00am Rosary

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass – including renewal of marriage vows  <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass - including renewal of marriage vows	Anne Mole RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall