

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th 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: 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 8th Jan

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5th JANUARY 2020

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 4 th January	6.00pm	Mass THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 5 th January	11.00am	Mass	Abina & Cornelius Lehan RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 6 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Christine Power RIP	9.00am Rosary 8.00pm Parents First Holy Communion meeting in the Hall
Tues 7 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Elizabeth Lally RIP	9.00am Rosary 7.30pm Services of Word and Communion Meeting in Presbytery
Wed 8 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Michael Bergin RIP	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 9 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Paul Murphy (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Fri 10 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Thelma Hoskins (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Sat 11 th Jan	6.00pm	Mass - YOUTH THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	People of the Parish	4.45pm First Holy Communion Session in the Hall 4.45pm Youth Music Rehearsal 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 12 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	Horace Jones RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

The Christmas offering for MoPSA was outstanding this year, and will be of such great help to the Brothers who are caring for the poor in Kenya. It came to £5,105.00, and with Gift Aid added, £5,744.75. Thank you.

I take this opportunity again to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and joy-filled New Year. Do continue to keep up with all the voluntary tasks in which you are involved for the building up of Christ's Kingdom here at St Aidan's.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 4th: LH SuH BR & A; Sun 5th: AB FM EW & V
 Sat 11th: ShH CQ JS & B; Sun 12th: SA LJ MW & X

Collection for 28th & 29th December: £606.09
 Standing orders: £480.00

PARISH LUNCH

The first Parish lunch of 2020 will be on Sunday 19th 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 always welcome.

YOUTH MASS

Once a month, the music at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass is led by the youth of the Parish, with a rehearsal starting at 4.45pm before the service. The first youth Mass of this year is **next Saturday 11th January**, with further Youth Masses planned on 1st February, 14th March and 2nd May, so please put these dates in your diary now.

FUNERAL OF ANNE HOLT

The funeral of Anne Holt will be at St Anne's Church in Wendover at 11.00am on Thursday 9th January.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box in the narthex is full. Please have a look if you think you may have left something at church – glasses, umbrellas, childrens coats and jumpers etc. Anything unclaimed will be disposed of at the end of the month.

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.

COFFEE AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY

This week a new rota will be produced for those willing to help serve coffee after Mass on a Sunday. Thank you to those already on the rota, and if anyone else is willing to help or would like to know more about what is involved then please let Deirdre know, either by calling 01494 764306 or emailing deirdre.lay@btinternet.com Even if you can only commit to once every couple of months please think about volunteering: all help will be gratefully received. Thank you.

PROJECT OASIS

There are enormous numbers of refugees in the Middle East displaced from the war in Syria. Most want to go home eventually, but for a small number (translators etc) the Middle East will never be a safe place for them to live. Project OASIS aims for local communities to support individual families to settle in the UK. Through project OASIS the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden have recently welcomed and settled a refugee family in Chesham.

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admissions for September 2020 will close on 15th January. Please remember you need to fill in a supplementary form and ask Father Ken to sign a Certificate of Catholic Practice as well as applying through the Buckinghamshire website. Both forms are available at the back of church.

There will be a meeting on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm to discuss the possible involvement of St Aidan's in this refugee project. All those who are interested in hearing more about this initiative are invited to attend this meeting. Could you please let the Parish Office know if you are planning to attend so we have an idea of numbers. Many thanks

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH CAFOD

Try something that is calorie-free and life giving! We really need people who are interested to go into our Catholic schools and inspire students to act on their sense of justice. You don't have to be a teacher to do this role, only a passion for CAFOD's work and an ability to communicate well with children and young people. If you are good at motivating others we have the ideal role for you - inspiring other volunteers in nearby parishes. Also, we would love to share more of the great acts of love carried out by our parishes and schools via media. So if you are able to help promote our work in this way, we would love to hear from you. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided. Get in touch via northampton@cafod.org.uk or 01494 863777.