

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 27th, Wednesday 29th (lunchtime only) & Thursday 30th 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 29th Jan

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 26th JANUARY 2020

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 25 th Jan	6.00pm	Mass THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR "SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD"	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 26 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	Cora Walsh (Sp Int)	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 27 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Cora Walsh (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary 8.00pm First Holy Communion Parent's meeting in the Hall
Tues 28 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – St Thomas Aquinas	Winston & Carlene Anderson (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Wed 29 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Cale RIP	9.00am Rosary 7.30pm Liturgy Group meeting in the Presbytery
Thurs 30 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 31 st Jan	9.30am	Mass – St John Bosco	Valentina Da Silve Leite RIP	9.00am Rosary
Sat 1 st Feb	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	People of the Parish	4.45pm First Reconciliations in the Church 4.45pm Youth Mass rehearsal
Sun 2 nd Feb	11.00am	Mass	Maureen Jones RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

This Sunday is "Sunday of the Word of God". The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is from this year on a special day set aside for reading and digesting of the Word of God.

Please take a moment to read about the Pastoral Area Mission Plan detailed below.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 25th: AM GM SL & C; Sun 26th: SA JH EW & Y
 Sat 1st: PA FO BR & A; Sun 2nd: LJ JJ MW & X

Collection for 18th & 19th January: £516.62
 Standing orders: £480.00
 2nd Collection: CAFOD emergency appeal: £463.13

PASTORAL AREA MISSION PLAN

Last September representatives from the five parishes in our Pastoral Area came together, as directed by Bishop Peter, to reflect prayerfully on the needs and opportunities within our community and to identify a number of local projects.

Getting a real "grass roots" perspective on our strengths and needs as well as hearing from a wide range of voices with local knowledge and experience enabled us to explore ideas from different perspectives. Four areas of focus were identified and prioritised: Liturgy, Welcoming & Social Community, Children & Youth and Communications.

Working groups need to be quickly established for each of these projects. If you feel passionate about any of these areas, have an open heart about new ways of working and have some time and energy to support us, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Fr Ken if you would like to be involved.

The reflections, findings and initiatives identified during the Reflection Day will be used to produce a Mission Plan for our Pastoral Area. This needs to be ready by mid-March, ahead of a gathering of all Pastoral Areas on 28th March with Bishop Elect David.

CAFOD APPEAL

More than half the population of Zimbabwe are affected by drought and food shortages, and this month CAFOD launched an appeal to help support their response to this crisis.



Last weekend the second collection raised £463.13 towards this appeal, which will be boosted to over £500 with Gift Aid. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISM AT ST AIDAN'S

Before a baptism at St Aidan's parents must attend a preparation course, which consists of 3 sessions of approximately 1 hour which take place on consecutive weeks immediately after the 11.00am Sunday Mass. To register for the next course in March, please fill out the Baptism Enquiry Form on our website: <http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/baptism/>

MUSIC YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for both singers and instrumentalists to join our Youth Group in leading the music at Youth Mass on a Saturday once a month. We rehearse before each Youth Mass from 4.45pm. Dates for this term are: 1st February, 14th March and 28th March. Please contact Sarah Gallagher for more information: slg6@mac.com

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. It is a programme that offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443, or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com
 For more information see the posters and flyers or go to www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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. Anything unclaimed will be disposed of next week.

RESTORE HOPE FUNDRAISER

We are delighted to be welcoming the band 'Dogs Without Collars' to the De Vere Hotel, Latimer on 28th February in a special fundraising gig. Tickets (£10) can be booked via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/restore-hope-fundraiser-dogs-without-collars-gig-tickets-90933537659>
 Dogs Without collars are a band of rocking reverends - this promises to be a great fun-filled evening!