

# St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February (mornings only)

## 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.

If you would like something included in the newsletter, please email the office. Deadline for next week: Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass  <b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	People of the Parish	4.45pm First Reconciliations in the Church 4.45pm Youth Mass rehearsal
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	11.00am	Mass	Maureen Jones RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.30am	Communion Service – Feria		9.00am Rosary
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Communion Service – Feria		9.00am Rosary
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Communion Service – St Agatha		9.00am Rosary
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Mass – SS Paul Miki & Companions	Mick Long RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Manuel Castelino RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Mass  <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Racial Justice	People of the Parish	5.15 – 5.45pm Confessions
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00am	Mass	Michael Tobin RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

## FR KEN WRITES

Most of you have heard that Rosie Sayers passed from this life to the next last Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Our prayer is for the repose of her soul, and for her husband Denis, her mother Pauline and two sons Mark and Phil. The Requiem Mass and funeral will be at 12 noon on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>: PA FO BR & A; Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>: LJ JJ MW & X  
 Sat 8<sup>th</sup>: KC LH JS & B; Sun 9<sup>th</sup>: SA FM EW & V

Collection for 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January: £499.82  
 Standing orders: £480.00

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> March with Bishop Elect David.

### REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

For the last two years, there have been preparations in place for the formal re-dedication of England as Our Lady's Dowry. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, Cardinal Nicholls made an announcement that this would take place at Westminster Cathedral and all cathedrals and parishes on March 29<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday closest to the feast of the Annunciation). The Dowry of Mary is now inviting anyone who would like to make a personal consecration to Our Lady called the True Devotion to start a preparation on February 21<sup>st</sup> and make their consecration on March 25<sup>th</sup> (the Feast of the Annunciation), just ahead of the re-dedication. The True Devotion is attributed to St Louis Marie de Montford, and was practised by Pope St John Paul II, St Teresa of Calcutta, St Maximilian Kolbe and many others. Preparation booklets for the consecration “33 Days to Morning Glory” are available free of charge at the back of the church. The booklet has prayers and meditations that act like a month's retreat, and also gives information about the devotion and the people who have practised it in the past. Please help yourselves.

### BAPTISM AT ST AIDAN'S

Before a baptism at St Aidan's parents must attend a preparation course. The next course will be on 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March. For more information and to book please fill out the Baptism Enquiry Form on our website.

### CAFOD SUPPORTER'S EVENT

Come and hear from CAFOD's Director, Christine Allen, about her experience visiting our partners and giving input at global events, be inspired by other supporters and have an energising session. Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> February at St Augustine Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes MK13 7PL. 10:30am – 1.30pm (coffee/tea from 10.00am with shared lunch from 1:30pm).

All welcome - please let us know you are coming on 01494 863 777 or [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk)

### COFFEE COMPANIONS

Amersham Rotate is hosting Coffee Companions at Cafe Africa on 4<sup>th</sup> February and subsequently every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. It's a great way to meet new people especially if you work from home or are recently retired.

Come along anytime from 10.00-11.30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.

### CATHOLIC BASICS – NOT TOO LATE!

The first two modules, 'God' and 'The Church' will be run together on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February at the Diocesan Centre, Luton, LU4 8JD. Come and join us from 10.00am to 3.00pm (arrival from 9.30am for refreshments) for an engaging and informative day with sandwich lunch.

There is more information in the narthex. For details and booking call 01582 723312 or email [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)