St Aidan's Parish - Sunday 19th April 2020

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FR KEN WRITES

We continue to pray for Nick Moss, the husband of our secretary Louise, who is still in intensive care.

I continue to be united with you all through the celebration of Mass each day and my prayer; and I am sure most of you are tuning in to one of the many Masses streamed each day from the Vatican or our Cathedral or another church. For details of how to watch please see last week's newsletter.

The Tablet last weekend contained an interview with Pope Francis and I quote just a few lines from it: "This crisis is affecting us all, rich and poor alike, and putting a spotlight on hypocrisy. I am worried by the hypocrisy of certain political personalities who speak of facing up to the crisis, of the problem of hunger in the world, but who in the meantime manufacture weapons. This is a time to be converted from this kind of functional hypocrisy. It is a time for integrity. Either we are coherent with our beliefs or we lose everything........ This is the time to take the decisive step, to move from using and misusing nature to contemplating it. We have lost the contemplative dimension; we have to get it back at this time....... I am thinking at this time of the Saints who live next door. They are heroes: doctors, volunteers, religious sisters, priests, shopworkers; all performing their duty so that society continues functioning. How many doctors and nurses have died! How many religious sisters have died! All serving....... One of the characters in the book I have read says: 'The Lord does not leave his miracles half finished'. If we become aware of this miracle of the next-door saints, if we can follow their tracks the miracle will end well for the good of all. God doesn't leave things halfway. We are the ones who do that."

There is much more that Pope Francis shared and it is all well worth reading. God bless you all at this difficult and challenging time.

LATEST NEWS

Please check the 'latest news' page on our website: http://staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/latest-news/ which this week includes an update from STOREHOUSE about the success of their Easter appeal and news about their new focus, which is emergency food provision in partnership with the Chiltern Foodbank; an Easter Message from Fr Henry Lozano from the Missionaries of the Poor, and a signpost to the education pages of the CAFOD website, where you can download resources for your children, and sign up to a virtual children's liturgy.

Date	Private Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday 19 th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish
Monday 20 th April	Feria	
Tuesday 21st April	Feria	Janice O'Connor RIP
Wednesday 22 nd April	Feria	Mary Nelson RIP
Thursday 23 rd April	St George	
Friday 24 th April	Feria	Ray Parsons RIP
Saturday 25 th April	St Mark	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 th April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Johnny Jordan RIP