

St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: **Tuesday 30th May & Thursday 1st June**

SACRAMENTS & FUNERALS AT ST AIDAN'S

BAPTISM: By appointment after completing a Baptism Preparation Course. Please contact St Aidan's office as early as possible in your planning. Next course dates – to be confirmed.
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 31st May

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 28th May 2017

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 27 th May	6.00pm	Mass THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 2 nd Collection for the Mass Media	Julieta Castelino RIP	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 28 th May	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12.30pm Baptism of Thomas Moore 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall
Mon 29 th May	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Tony Praat RIP	9.00am Rosary
Tues 30 th May	9.30am	Mass – Feria		9.00am Rosary
Wed 31 st May	9.30am	Mass – Visitation of the BVM		9.00am Rosary
Thurs 1 st June	9.30am	Mass – St Justin		9.00am Rosary
Fri 2 nd June	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 3 rd June	6.00pm	Mass PENTECOST 2 nd Collection for HCPT	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 4 th June	11.00am	Mass	Mary Walsh RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS	Collection for 20th & 21st May:	£899.13
Saturday 27th: 3 & C;	Sunday 28th: 6 & Y	Standing orders:
Saturday 3rd: 2 & A;	Sunday 4th: 5 & X	£502.00

FR KEN WRITES

We bring to our prayer this weekend the young people of Manchester who have been killed, injured or bereaved through the appalling terrorist attack last Monday. May the power of the Holy Spirit of God's love help them, and bring an end to the evil forces in our world.

FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, AGES 13 – 29 YEARS

Pope Francis has begun a worldwide consultation asking young people about three important areas in their lives:

- What is it like being a young person today?
- Your experience of the Catholic Faith;
- What helps you appreciate when trying to hear God's call?

It is called the **MEGA YOUTH POLL**, accessible via www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll
 I hope everyone in this age group will take part in this survey which is anonymous and will help the Church move forward.

GENERAL ELECTION ON 8th JUNE. We have plenty of leaflets from our Bishops to guide us in using our vote, so please do take one. A Hustings will be held at Drake Hall Amersham on Thursday 1st June at 8pm

DEACON JOHN CROWSHAW RETIRES FROM PARISH MINISTRY

Our next big parish event will be when Deacon John Crowshaw marks his retirement on Sunday 25th June. The 11am Mass will be followed by a parish celebration lunch for all. However, for the latter you will need to sign the list in narthex and purchase a ticket - nominal price of £5 per head, school age children and toddlers free. John has requested that we do not present him with a farewell gift, but instead to make a donation to the **HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust)** which is a national and international charity taking children and adults with disabilities to Lourdes, and seeking to promote the integration of all peoples regardless of their disability. Envelopes for this are available in the narthex and may be handed in at the retiring collection next weekend, or anytime up to the 18th June.

TRAINING COURSE FOR READERS

The Northampton Liturgy Commission are leading a Readers Course at St Columba's, Chesham, on Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th June, 7.30-9.00pm. All readers are invited to join any of these sessions. Please speak to the office if you are interested in attending. More information in the narthex.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

World Communications Sunday takes place this Sunday 28th May, the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. It reflects his mandate that we should "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news".
 On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. Please help us continue this work through contributing generously to the second collection.

LITTLE CHALFONT VILLAGE DAY

There will be a build your own scarecrow competition at the village day on 17th June. Entry forms are available from the community library and entry forms must be returned by 4th June. Please see the flyer in the narthex for more information.

CAFOD retreat – Saturday 10th June

A wonderful chance to reflect and contemplate some of the deeper messages which Pope Francis has spoken out on: poverty, inequality and the global family. We will look at ways we can reconnect our lives to the values of the Gospel in our homes and parishes. This retreat has inspired so many people already. At the Holy Family, 226 Trelawney Avenue, Slough SL3 7UD, 10am – 3pm with a shared lunch. Please book a place via northampton@cafod.org.uk or 01844 274723

OUR NEXT YOUTH MASS is Saturday 17th June. Music for transposing and all instruments are in the Narthex in the wicker basket labelled Youth Group. If anyone would like to join this group please come along to the rehearsal at 4.45pm in the church or contact Sarah Gallagher: slg6@mac.com All welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On Sunday 18th June after the 11am Mass there will a procession led by our First Communicants.