# St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February only

#### **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  $-4^{th}$ ,  $11^{th}$  &  $18^{th}$  March.

**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 14th Feb

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR					
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2018					
Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Mass SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Retiring collection for the SVP	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00am	Mass	Manuel Castelino RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Warwick RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Dirck Gunning RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb  ASH  WEDNESDAY	9.30am 8.00pm	Mass – with blessing of ashes Mass – with blessing of ashes	Fr Ron Bustin RIP Private Intention	9.00am Rosary 10.00am SVP Meeting  A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSITINENCE	
Thus 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Bridie Sheehy RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00am	Mass	Rita Landers RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall

## **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>: FO BR JS & B; Sun 11<sup>th</sup>: JH RS MW & V Sat 17<sup>th</sup>: PA KC LH & C; Sun 18<sup>th</sup>: SA JJ LJ & W Collection for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Standing orders: £617.17 £502.00

#### FR KEN WRITES

Our thanks to those of you who volunteered to be 'prayer sponsors' for this year's First Holy Communion children. Keep their names before you in your regular prayers.

We have a few places still available for the **Passover Supper** (7pm, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February). Admission is by programme (£8 for adults, £3 for children), and do remember to bring the programme with you!

Pope Francis invites us all to take advantage of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this lent, particularly on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March. This coincides with the month dedicated to Repentance and Forgiveness in our Year of Prayer and Vocation. The additional time to celebrate God's mercy and love here in the parish will be:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March: 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March: 9am – 10pm, both with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Other times in our pastoral area will be announced in due course.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Next week is half term, and so the office will only be open on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

## **MISSION TO ECUADOR**

St Columba's are planning a Mission to Ecuador on 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Please email missionchesham@gmail.com for more information.

## **ADOREMUS, Liverpool 2018**

From Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September there will be a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress in Liverpool. The last Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908! Participants will take part in a series of catechism sessions, focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Every diocese in England and Wales will take part, and *we are looking for a few parishioners from St Aidan's* to attend this conference and represent our parish.

There is a poster and leaflet in the narthex with more information; please have a look at these and speak to Fr Ken if you would like more information or are interested in attending.

# ST PATRICK'S SOCIAL

The St. Patrick's Social will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March with music from Vince and Alice and an exhibition of Irish Dance from Aidan Taylor, current Southern England Champion and his sister Roisin. Both Aidan and Roisin have qualified for the World Championships at the end of March. Vince and Alice would welcome the help of more musicians. On the night they play simple melodies for the most part and music can be provided. If you can help please see Vince Smith or Mike Allen.

#### **HELPING OUR PARISHES PASS ON THE FAITH**

The Diocese have arranged an event exploring resources to assist parishes in their mission of passing on the Faith. This will be led by David Wills, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, from 10am – 4pm at St Teresa's Church Hall, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL. Please see the booking forms in the narthex for more information, and speak to Fr Ken or contact the office if you would like to attend.

## THINKING THEOLOGY LECTURE

St Paul's Catholic School invite you to their latest 'Thinking Theology' lecture: "Writing, Politics and God", by Virginia Moffatt on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Chapel. Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall. Milton Keynes, MK6 5EN. Please call 01908 669735 or email <a href="mailto:lennifer.rowlands@st-pauls.org.uk">lennifer.rowlands@st-pauls.org.uk</a> for more information.

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

You are invited to a Rosary gathering/procession to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to pray for the sick, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6pm. Meeting outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES. Please call Monica on 07401 366330 for more information.

# **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are by appointment after completing a Baptism Preparation Course. The next course will be on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March, and is open to those families who are expecting as well as those whose babies have already been born. Please sign up by filling in the enquiry form on our parish website:

http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/baptism/baptism-enquiry-form.php