

St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: **Mon 19th & Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd March**

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 announced.

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 21st March

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 18th March 2018

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
Sat 17 th March	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass (including commemoration of St Patrick) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	4.45pm	First Holy Communion Children's Meeting in the Hall
Sun 18 th March	11.00am	Mass	Michael Tobin RIP	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Mon 19 th March	9.30am	Mass – St Joseph	Janina Kuzel RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Tues 20 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Kieran Neary RIP	12noon	Baptism Preparation Course
Wed 21 st March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	In thanksgiving – Bernadette Richards	9.00am	Rosary
Thus 22 nd March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Quinn RIP	7.30pm	Liturgy Group Meeting
Fri 23 rd March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Sat 24 th March	6.00pm	Mass PALM SUNDAY with blessing of Palms at both Masses	People of the Parish	10.00am	The Way of the Cross
Sun 25 th March	11.00am	Mass	Mary Walsh RIP	7.30pm	Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service at Immaculate Heart, GM
				7.45pm	Choir Rehearsal – All welcome
				11.00-12noon	Confessions
				5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
				12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
				1.00pm	Parish Lunch in the Hall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM	Collection for 10th & 11th March:	£540.37
Sat 17 th : BR JS PA & C; Sun 18 th : JH LJ FM & W	Standing orders:	£502.00
Sat 24 th : KC LH ShH & D; Sun 25 th : JJ RS EW & Y	2nd Collection: Columban Missionaries:	£689.43

FR KEN WRITES

We are drawing near to Holy Week, with next Sunday being Palm Sunday. The procession with palms begins at 11am near the Statue of St Aidan. It is quite appropriate to wear bright colours and carry branches from trees to wave as we process.

You are invited to take a pamphlet giving the details of the Holy Week services in all the parishes of our pastoral area. Coming close to the Lord in his death and Resurrection will make this coming Holy week a time of retreat and prayer.

As always on Good Friday, the retiring collection will be for the support of Christians in the Holy Land, and at the two Easter Masses I will be sending the collection to the Missionaries of the Poor (MoPSA) for their work with orphans and others in Kenya and elsewhere.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COACH TRANSPORT

Thank you to those who have confirmed your spot on the coach, which will leave St Aidan's promptly at 8.45am and return around 3.30pm. If anyone else is interested please email or call the office on Monday morning as there may be a couple of spaces left.

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch is next Sunday 25th March at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall. The sign-up list is in the narthex. £4 for a 2-course lunch and a glass of wine. New faces very welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENTS

The **Easter Service** at the Epilepsy centre is on Friday 23rd March at 2pm, followed by refreshments. Anyone who is able to help with the singing will be made most welcome. Please just turn up on the day.

The **Good Friday Walk of Witness** will leave St. George's church at 10am and walk to the village green where there will be prayers, returning to St. George's for a service at 11am followed by refreshments. All welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir rehearsal at 7.45pm on Friday 23rd March, in preparation for the Easter services the following week. Any parishioner who would like to sing and support the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, or is thinking of joining the music group, is very welcome to come along.

WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent there will be The Way of the Cross at 10am every Friday in church.

ST AIDAN'S TODDLER GROUP

We are delighted to announce that after a long break, the St Aidan's toddler group will be resuming after the Easter Holidays, on Tuesday mornings, 9.30-11.30am. Many thanks to Charlotte for getting this back up and running. The group needs more volunteers to come forward and help, so if you think this is something you would like to be involved with, please get in touch with the office.

CASH ON DELIVERY!

Chesham Bois Catholic Players latest production is the farce 'Cash on Delivery', performed at the Little Theatre in Church Street on 23rd and 24th March, and featuring several parishioners from St Columba's. Tickets from £10. Please take a flyer from the narthex, or go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/227421

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For those of you already using envelopes for your weekly Offertory, you will have noticed that you are nearing the end of the box. Your new box, starting the weekend of 7th/8th April, is now ready for you to pick up from the narthex. **DO NOT LOOK FOR YOUR OLD NUMBER AS THE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED.** The boxes have been arranged alphabetically by surname. Please ensure that you take the box that has your name and address on it. If you think you should have a box of envelopes and one has not been allocated to you, please let the parish office know.

For those not familiar with the envelope system, if you are a UK taxpayer and fill in a gift aid form, offertory envelopes are a great way for you to make your weekly offering to the parish, as the church can claim an extra 25p from the government for every £1 you give. Please email the office for more information or if you would like a box of envelopes allocated to you.