

St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: Monday 23rd, Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th April

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 25th April

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22nd APRIL 2018

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
Sat 21 st April	6.00pm	Mass FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2 nd Collection: Priests' Training Fund	Bernadette Richards - In thanksgiving	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 22 nd April	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon 1.00pm	Tea and Coffee in the Hall Parish Lunch in the Hall
Mon 23 rd April	9.30am	Mass – St George	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am	Rosary 8.00pm First Holy Communion Parent's Meeting in the Hall
Tues 24 th April	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Bob & Marian Farren (Sp Int)	9.00am 9.30-11.30am	Rosary Toddler Group in the Hall
Wed 25 th April	9.30am	Mass – St Mark	Nolan RIP	9.00am 10.00am	Rosary SVP Meeting
Thurs 26 th April	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Joseph Parker RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Fri 27 th April	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Nora Brennan RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Sat 28 th April	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	4.45pm 5.15-5.45pm	First Holy Communion Children's Meeting in the Hall Confessions
Sun 29 th April	11.00am	Mass	John Jordan RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 21st: AM GM FO & B; Sun 22nd: JH LJ RS & Z
Sat 28th: CQ BR JS & A; Sun 29th: SA FM MW & V

YOUTH MASS

Once a month, the music at the Saturday 6pm Mass is led by the youth of the Parish. Before the Mass there is a music rehearsal held in the church starting at 4.45pm. **Next Youth Mass is next weekend – Saturday 28th April. We are looking for new recruits** to join the youth music group – singers and all instruments welcome, as well as volunteers to read. If you are interested in joining in or would like to know more, please contact Sarah: slg6@mac.com or 01494 765895.

YOUTH AFTERNOON

On Saturday 16th June there will be a Pastoral Area Youth Afternoon, held in the paddock behind our Lady's Church, with food, team games and music. More information to follow, but please put the date in your diaries now.

This event will need adult volunteers from all parishes so please let the office know if you would be able to help, either with preparations or on the day.

CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS

There are several events planned in May to raise money for Christian Aid:

Churches Together Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th May from 10.30am-1.30pm at the Methodist Church, Little Chalfont. There will be car washing, coffee, lunches, cakes, plants, books and DVDs and a table top sale. Donations would be gratefully received as well as help on the day. Please contact Clare on 01494 432106.

Soup and Cheese Lunches on 16th, 17th and 18th May from 12pm-2pm, at the Quaker Meeting House, Whielden Street, Old Amersham.

Chiltern Singers Concert on 19th May at 7.30pm in the Amersham Free Church. Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine or juice. Call 01494 724207 or purchase on the door.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you use envelopes you should be using the new boxes now. There are **several unclaimed boxes at the back of church** so please remember to take them home with you after Mass this weekend.

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 offerings 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.

Collection for 14th & 15th April:
Standing orders:

£539.29
£502.00

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This Sunday the children's liturgy will re-start after the Easter break. This is an opportunity for children of school age who have not yet made their First Holy Communion to gather together and discuss the Gospel. The discussions are aimed at the younger ones, so once children have made their First Holy Communion they should stay with their families in church. Once again, many thanks to those on the rota, and if anyone would like to volunteer to join the team please email the office or speak to Fr Ken.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember the next parent's meeting is on Monday 23rd April at 8pm in the Hall, and the next session with the children is Saturday 28th April at 4.45pm in the Hall, followed by the youth Mass.

FOR SALE

We now have copies of Pope Francis letter Gaudete Et Exsultate; On the Call to Holiness in Today's World. These are priced at £4.95 and are on sale at the back of church.

OPEN THE BOOK

Would you like to help tell local schoolchildren bible stories? We are a team of Christians from 5 different churches in this area. We currently go into 4 local primary schools to deliver assemblies, telling bible stories from a set programme scripted by Open The Book. The children love these as they get to dress up and take part with us, but we need more volunteers so we can go into more schools. You can help whatever age you are, in fact we have a lot of retired volunteers. All of us have no acting experience but the programme is easy to follow and enjoyable and we just want our local children to hear God's word! You only need to volunteer once a half term minimum and it only takes up about one hour of your time. If you think you could help, please contact Kathy Pierce on 07742 296713. There is a booklet in the narthex with more information.