

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: OFFICE CLOSED. Reopening Thursday 3rd January

SACRAMENTS AND FUNERALS AT ST AIDAN'S

BAPTISM: By appointment after completing a Baptism preparation course. Please contact St Aidan's as early as possible in your planning. Next course dates: Early in 2019 - 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.

FR KEN WRITES

Firstly, I would like to thank very much those of you who have been so generous and thoughtful to me personally and to those who are being helped through the Missionaries of the Poor (the MoPSA collection) this Christmas. **Thank you.**

Then, next weekend is the feast of the Holy Family, and here at St Aidan's, on this occasion we always have the renewal of marriage vows during both the Saturday evening and the Sunday Masses. This is also a good opportunity for those who are Catholic to come with their non-Catholic husband/wife, and for those who are not married (single, widowed, divorced etc), to join with all of us in prayer and thanksgiving.

Finally, you may like to join us in the hour of prayer on Monday evening, New Year's Eve, from 11pm to midnight, when we end with Benediction as the year 2019 begins.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM
 Sat 22nd: AM GM JS & D; Sun 23rd: LJ JJ MW & Y
 Christmas Masses: See sign-up sheet in the sacristy
 Sat 29th: PA KC SuH & A; Sun 30th: AB FM RS & V

Collection for 15th & 16th December: £494.12
 Standing orders: £480.00

OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The office has closed for Christmas, and will re-open on Thursday 3rd January.

THE GIVING TREE

Thanks to everyone who supported the giving tree this Advent by leaving a gift for NOAH (The Centre for the homeless in Luton) to distribute before Christmas.

TAIZE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

The youth of the parish are invited to a Taizé Youth Pilgrimage, from 6th - 13th April 2019. Please save the date, and more information will follow after Christmas.

MoPSA
 Offertory collections at the *Christmas Masses* will be donated to MoPSA. MoPSA supports the Missionaries of the Poor. It raises funds for the poor and destitute who are living in parts of the world where there are insufficient resources.



The Missionaries of the Poor, founded by Fr. Richard Ho Lung and a community of Brothers, have centres in Jamaica, India, Philippines, Haiti, Indonesia, U.S.A. and Africa.

The services provided by the Brothers are given free of charge and include: Food, Clean Water, Shelter and Medicine
All funds raised go directly to the Missionaries of the Poor without any deductions for administration.
 Thank you for helping to bring life to others.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22nd & 23rd DECEMBER 2018

Sat 22 nd Dec	6.00pm	Mass FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 23 rd Dec	11.00am	Mass	Horace Jones RIP	10.30am 12noon 12noon	Choir rehearsal in Church Nativity rehearsal in Church Tea and Coffee in the Hall

Monday 24th December – No morning Mass at 9.30am

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

24th & 25th DECEMBER 2018

Mon 24 th Dec	6.00pm	Mass	Michael Landers RIP	5.30pm	Final Nativity Rehearsal
	8.30pm	'Midnight' Mass	Private Intention	8.00pm	Vigil of prayer and carols followed by Mass at 8.30pm
Tues 25 th Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish		NO COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS
Wed 26 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – St Stephen	In thanksgiving	9.00am	Rosary
Thurs 27 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – St John	Manuel & Julieta Castelino RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Fri 28 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – The Holy Innocents	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am	Rosary

Offertory collections at the Christmas Masses will be donated to the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (MoPSA)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

29th & 30th DECEMBER 2018

Sat 29 th Dec	6.00pm	Mass – including renewal of marriage vows	People of the Parish	3.00pm	Wedding of Andrew Scriver & Michelle Breen
		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH		5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 30 th Dec	11.00am	Mass - including renewal of marriage vows	Ray Parsons RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 31 st Dec	9.30am	Mass	Shirley Walton RIP	9.00am	Rosary
				11.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Prayer and Benediction at Midnight