

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th 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.

If you would like something included in the newsletter, please email the office. Deadline for next week: Wed 9th January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6th JANUARY 2018

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 5 th Jan	6.00pm	Mass THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 6 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	Pat Hedger RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 7 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Dias (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary 8.00pm First Holy Communion Parents meeting in the Hall
Tues 8 th Jan	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Daniel McInerney RIP	9.00am Rosary NO TODDLERS Restarts next week 8.00pm PAC meeting at Our Lady's
Wed 9 th Jan	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Ray Parsons RIP	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 10 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Harris RIP	9.00am Rosary 8.00pm Pastoral Area Justice & Peace Group meeting in the Presbytery
Friday 11 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Harris RIP	9.00am Rosary
Sat 12 th Jan	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Eileen Heneghan RIP	4.45pm Children's First Holy Communion Meeting in the Hall 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 13 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

On behalf of the Brothers, thank you all for your generosity this Christmas to the Missionaries of the Poor, especially the children who will be helped. The Christmas collection came to £4,092.22.

I take this opportunity of again wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and joy-filled New Year. Do continue to keep up with all the voluntary tasks in which you are involved for the building up of Christ's Kingdom here at St Aidan's.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 5th: LH SHH CQ & B; Sun 6th: SA JH EW & W
 Sat 12th: MH PK BR & C; Sun 13th: AB LJ JJ & X

Collection for 29th & 30th December: £ 458.84

Standing orders: £ 480.00

Christmas Collection for MoPSA: £4,092.22

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Below is a list of the dates of the moveable Feasts of the Year:

13 th January	Baptism of the Lord
6 th March	Ash Wednesday
18 th April	Maundy Thursday
19 th April	Good Friday
20 th April	Easter Saturday
21 st April	Easter Sunday
30 th May	Ascension of the Lord
9 th June	Pentecost
16 th June	Trinity Sunday
23 rd June	Corpus Christi
28 th June	Sacred Heart of Jesus
24 th November	Christ the King

CATHOLICS BASICS COURSE

Want to know more about your Faith? Join us for a basic introduction to the Catholic Faith in four parts: **GOD, THE CHURCH, THE MORAL LIFE, PRAYER.** For each part there is a day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction and discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will and a sense of humour!
 Launch and Part 1: January 31st 2019, 10am-3pm (arrive 9.30am for refreshments), at the NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD.
 To book, contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

THANKS FROM THE CCCC

For the last seven years, the Chiltern Child Contact Centre has been one of the charities St Aidan's helps to support, via fundraising efforts such as the May Fayre and Grand Draw. The treasurer has written to us on behalf of the charity to express their thanks: *"You have sent us a grand total over 7 years of £12,500. This represents a truly remarkable level of support. In fact, it covers one year's expenses and we are truly grateful to everyone at St Aidan's who made this possible."*

For those who wish to know more about this charity, the following is taken from the Coordinator's report to their AGM in July 2018: *"The Centre had helped 24 families during the year with 33 children attending. This compared with 13 families and 17 children during the previous year. There is a policy of actively helping separated families to 'move on' making their own arrangements for the non-resident parent and children to meet. During the year 10 families had successfully completed this process. The Coordinator of the Centre is just about to retire after 3 very successful years, which has seen the Centre develop into well managed undertaking, supported by volunteers and trustees. Her replacement is due to start in early 2019."*

YOU CAT FOR KIDS SESSIONS 2018/9

A wonderful resource aimed at younger children 'YOUCAT for Kids' is now available. This is a great tool for catechists, and for parents and carers as they pass on their faith to children. There will be a free session in the Parish Hall on Friday 1st February, at 7.30pm, where there will be the opportunity to be guided through a method of using the YOUCAT for Kids, have the chance to purchase a copy at a reduced price, and hear about support and training for catechists. Booking essential – please speak to the office if you would like a place.

YOUTH MASS

Next Saturday 12th January will be a YOUTH MASS. We are always 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 turn up to the rehearsal at 4.45pm, or contact Sarah: slg6@mac.com or 01494 765895.

THANKS FROM FEDERICA ALI

Federica has written to say: *"Just a quick note to thank you for letting me sell the Ecuadorian Rosaries at your church last weekend. We raised £170! A big thank-you to your parishioners for their generosity."* This money will go towards the costs of receiving the Ecuadorian Missionaries later this year.