

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 25th & Wednesday 27th March

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. Current course full. Next course dates 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: Tues 26th March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 24th MARCH 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 23 rd March	6.00pm	Mass THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	1.30pm Marriage of Nishankar Balasuderam & Anne Gnanamithran 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 24 th March	11.00am	Mass	Mary Nelson RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12noon Baptism Preparation Course 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall
Mon 25 th March	9.30am	Mass – The Annunciation of the Lord	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Tues 26 th March	12noon	Requiem Mass and funeral of Peter Wilson RIP		9.30am Toddler Group in the Hall
Wed 27 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Bernadette Richards (In thanksgiving)	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 28 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary 7.30pm Global Healing in the Hall. All welcome.
Friday 29 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Adrian Richards (In thanksgiving)	9.00am Rosary No Way of the Cross 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer 7.30-8.30pm Taizé Prayer 8.30pm Refreshments in the Hall
Sat 30 th March	6.00pm	Mass	People of the Parish	4.00-6.00pm Confirmation Class 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 31 st March	11.00am	Mass	Maureen Tobin RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

We all need to pray a great deal this week for the church and for our country and indeed the world. A great opportunity for this are the two days of prayer detailed below. I would underline especially the time of prayer which will take place here at St Aidan's: 6.00-7.30pm next Friday 29th March, silent prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and then from 7.30-8.30pm Brother Jean-Patrick will lead us in a Taizé style prayer. Do please come and take part in as much of this as you can.

Spend Time in Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Penance

28th March - **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** - Chesham Bois: 6pm - 7pm (7pm Mass) 7.30pm - 9.00pm

29th March - **Immaculate Heart of Mary** - Great Missenden: 10am to 5pm

29th March - St Aidan - Little Chalfont: 6pm to 7.30pm (7.30pm – 8.30pm Taizé Prayer)

29th - 30th March - **St Joseph** - Chalfont St Peter: 5.30pm to 5.30pm (24 hours)

30th March - **St Columba** - Chesham: 10.30am to 11.30am

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 23rd: SL AM GM & B; Sun 24th: JH JJ FM & V
 Sat 30th: ShH FO JS & D; Sun 31st: RS MW EW & W

Collection for 16th & 17th March: £803.39

Standing orders: £480.00

2nd Collection: CAFOD Fast Day: £957.72

Bishop Peter warmly invites you to **The Diocesan Mass for Married Life** at St Mary's Catholic Church, Woburn Sands, MK17 8NN on Saturday 6th April at 12 noon. All are welcome, particularly those celebrating significant anniversaries. Please RSVP by collecting an invitation from the narthex and returning it with your details to Bishop's House.

AFTER THE MOVIE FOR LENT!

Following the screening of 'Global Healing' in the Hall on Thursday, come and join a presentation and reflection on 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis' 2015 letter on Care for our Common Home using CAFOD'S study guide. Thursdays 28th March and 11th April. 7.30 for 7.45pm, tea & coffee on arrival. Do come along and be inspired for Lent and beyond.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For those of you already using envelopes for your weekly offertory, new boxes of envelopes (starting the weekend of 6th/7th April) are now ready for collection in the narthex. **Boxes are arranged numerically and you have been allocated the same number as last year.** Please check you have the correct box before taking it away.

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.

JOB VACANCY

Full Time Youth Ministry Coordinator – NYMO. A rare opportunity has occurred to join our youth ministry office (NYMO) and take youth ministry in the Diocese of Northampton into its next phase of development. The offices are based in Luton, but the role will involve travel throughout the diocese. Support with relocation can be provided if necessary, the detail of which would depend on the needs of the candidate. For full details of the role, job profile and an application form, please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call 01604 714840. The closing date for applications will be Tuesday 26th March and interviews will take place on Tuesday 9th April.

CHRISM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY – 11am

As last year, a coach will be taking Parishioners from our Pastoral Area to the Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral on Holy Thursday. Pick up from St Aidan's at 8.30am in order to be there in good time by 10am. If you wish to reserve a place on the coach please add your name AND CONTACT PHONE NUMBER to the sign up sheet in the narthex. We expect the coach to fill up fast so don't delay. There will be no charge for this trip, although if you wish to give a donation please contact the office.

THANK YOU

Fr Henry from the St Patrick's Missionary Society has written to 'acknowledge and appreciate the very generous donation of £1,094.80 from the Mission Appeal at St Aidan's in support of our mission'. The full letter is on the noticeboard if anyone wishes to read it.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will close on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th March, and re-open on Monday 8th April.