

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 23rd & Thursday 26th September

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 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 25th Sept

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 21st SEPTEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 21 st Sept	6.00pm	Mass TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Edwin Zrinzo RIP	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 22 nd Sept	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12.30pm Baptism of Emmeline Salter 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall
Mon 23 rd Sept	9.30am	Mass -Feria	Adrian Anderson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Tues 24 th Sept	9.30am	Mass – Our Lady of Walsingham	Margaret Kay RIP	9.00am Rosary 12noon Funeral of Ann Chapman at St George's Church
Wed 25 th Sept	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Diana Browning RIP	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 26 th Sept	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Valente Lobo RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 27 th Sept	9.30am	Mass – St Vincent de Paul	Special Intention	9.00am Rosary
Sat 28 th Sept	6.00pm	Mass TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Manuel Castelino RIP	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 29 th Sept	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

Last Saturday 14th September, delegates from all five parishes in our Pastoral Area gathered together at Our Lady's School to prayerfully reflect upon and plan for a future with an ever decreasing number of priests. The findings will be used to create a Mission Plan for our Pastoral Area which will be presented to Bishop Peter for his review and approval when he visits in the autumn. Sincere thanks to everyone who represented St Aidan's.

Ann Chapman's funeral will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 24th September at St George's Anglican Church. Ann, as many of you know, was very involved both in her own church and in all ecumenical activities. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and all concerned.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 21st: SuH ShH CQ & A; Sun 22nd: LJ FM EW & V
 Sat 28th: PA KC MW & D; Sun 29th: JH JJ RS & X

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Next year's First Holy Communion registration is now open for children who will be at least 7 years old on 1st September 2019 (i.e. in Year 3 or above). If you have a child whom you think may be ready, please sign up by filling in the form on our parish website: <http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/first-holy-communion/>
 If you cannot access the online form, please speak to the office.

Collection for 14th & 15th Sept: £590.43
 Standing orders: £480.00
 2nd Collection: Home Mission Sunday: £255.78

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

We invite all pupils in Year 9 or above who would like to consider receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020 to let the Parish Office know. We invite prospective candidates to email the Parish Office themselves (staidansinfo@yahoo.co.uk) giving details of their full name, their date of birth, school and address together with a short note as to why they wish to be Confirmed in 2020. Formal Registration will take place later in the year. Thank you.

BECOMING A CATECHIST

We are looking for volunteers to be faith-sharers to the young people (aged 13-14 years) who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020. The preparation course is likely to run from Advent 2019 through to May 2020. You are not required to attend every session. No experience is needed, only a wish to pass on the faith to a new generation. Training is available as well as mentoring. This is an exciting opportunity and participation in the course as a catechist would be very rewarding.

PSALMS

Sunday 22nd September at 7pm in St Joseph's Church, SL9 8RY. Ten years on from a successful week at the Edinburgh Fringe we are reuniting for a one-off performance. Written by Robert Barham, this piece explores the relevance of the Psalms to life today. Through music, drama and song it draws you into the lives of a cross section of people from society, showing how a particular Psalm is important to them. Suitable for all ages, this innovative interpretation speaks directly to the problems and fears of modern day living, inviting all to make sense of life.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for supporting the second collection last weekend. Our parish raised £255.78. For more information please visit www.homemission.org.uk

Understanding the Bible

A Three Week Course at St Joseph's Church
 Led by Fr Matt Blake OCD

'We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.' (1 John 1:1)



The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word 2020

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have designated 2020 as a year in celebration of "The God Who Speaks". Scripture, the Bible, the Word of God - whatever we like to call it - is at the centre of everything the Church does. It is in our prayer and worship, how we understand the world, how we are called to live and how we relate to each other. During this special year, we will be invited to celebrate, live and share God's word in a more focussed way.

Where does the Bible fit into your life?

This short course is open to everyone. Fr Matt will help us to understand the history and context of the Bible. The sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Wednesday Evenings

7.45pm

2nd October

9th October

16th October

Thursday Mornings

9.30am

3rd October

10th October

17th October



This course is **FREE** but donations are welcome. No need to register.

Fr Matt Blake is Camelite with 30 years of priestly ministry. With much experience of serving in parish life, his passion and the main focus of his vocation is leading retreats and giving talks on spirituality.