

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 2nd, Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th December

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: 8th, 15th & 22nd March 2020.

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 4th Dec

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st DECEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
Sat 30 th Nov	6.00pm	Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Jason Richards in thanksgiving	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 1 st Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon 12noon	Nativity rehearsal CANCELLED Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 2 nd Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Sharon Charlesworth (Sp Int)	9.00am 6.00pm	Rosary Guide and Scout Carol Service in the Church
Tues 3 rd Dec	9.30am	Mass – St Francis Xavier	Imeldia Farrier RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Wed 4 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Matthew Murphy RIP	9.00am 7.00pm	Rosary Parish Council Meeting in the Presbytery
Thurs 5 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Sharon Charlesworth (Sp Int)	9.00am	Rosary
Fri 6 th Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Sean & Peter Gainfort RIP	9.00am 10.00am	Rosary Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 7 th Dec	6.00pm	Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Richards family - in thanksgiving	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
Sun 8 th Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon 12noon	Nativity rehearsal in the church Tea and Coffee in the Hall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM
 Sat 30th: KC LH JS & A; Sun 1st: JH RS MW & Y
 Sat 7th: SuH ShH CQ & B; Sun 8th: SA LJ EW & V

Collection for 23rd & 24th November: £562.98
Standing orders: £480.00
2nd Collection: Catholic Youth Services: £214.67

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

The first rehearsal, planned for this Sunday 1st December after Mass has been cancelled. Rehearsals will be directly after Mass on Sunday 8th and 15th December, with a final dress rehearsal in the afternoon on Monday 23rd at 2.00pm. Parents will need to stay with their children during rehearsals. All costumes will be provided. Could you please help your children learn the words and sign language to Away in a Manger, using this video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/c0FsM9GRN94>

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admissions for Our Lady's Catholic School for September 2020 are now open. Please fill in a supplementary form and ask Father Ken to sign a Certificate of Catholic Practice as well as applying through the Buckinghamshire website. Both can be obtained from the school website or at the back of church. If you would like to visit, please contact the school office on 01494 726390 to make a convenient appointment. The application deadline is 15th January but please don't leave it until the last minute.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD 2020

Our bishops have dedicated the year to "THE GOD WHO SPEAKS" to us through the scriptures. They are encouraging and inviting us as individuals and as parishes to celebrate, live and share God's word in our liturgy, our social action and our formation. An excellent brochure has been produced with help from The Bible Society and copies are available in the narthex. It describes in detail how we can all engage more deeply with "God's word". As you will hear in Bishop Peter's pastoral letter this weekend, he will formally launch this initiative on Saturday 7th December at 11.00am Mass in the Cathedral in Northampton. Deacon John is planning to attend and can take others in his car (01494 726931).

WORLD GIFTS

The CAFOD Christmas catalogue of world gifts is now available in the narthex. Please take a copy.


FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm there will be a Family Carol Concert followed by refreshments at Amersham Free Church, to raise money for the Friends of the Belarusian Children's Hospice (UK). Tickets: £10 adults, £5 children over 12. Please see the poster for more information.

ROTA INFORMATION

New rotas for readers, eucharistic ministers and altar servers have been sent via email. Please let the office know if you need a paper copy.

RESTORE HOPE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

All the excitement and anticipation of presents, parties and celebration, watching children open gifts with wonder in their eyes....
but imagine if your Christmas were not like that... 
 When life is tough, with limited finances and emotional struggles, it can be difficult to find a way to celebrate. This is where Restore Hope can help, bringing delight and hope to the local families we support year round. Please give joy to a local family this Christmas by giving via our website: www.restorehopelatimer.org/xmasdonate
 There are appeal cards in the narthex with more information – please take one.

RESTORE HOPE JOB OPPORTUNITY

In order to see even more children, young people and families find hope, we are seeking to appoint a 'Fundraiser'. This is a part-time role with flexible hours and the key focus will be to develop and implement our fundraising strategy to generate sustainable income streams through multiple sources and streams. This is an exciting opportunity to work with a growing charity in a stunning location and use your skills and experience to see hope restored and lives and communities transformed. Please note that there is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a committed Christian. Please go to www.restorehopelatimer.org/vacancies-2/ for job description and details of how to apply.

PLAINSONG

During advent, the choir will be using Plainsong for the sung parts of the Mass. If you would like to become more familiar with this then the links below will take you to YouTube videos showing the notation on the screen as the singing takes place:
 Holy, Holy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Sc_6tI0wuk&list=PL873E78A9410BE7C6
 Acclamation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwvrGAYVLk&list=PL873E78A9410BE7C6&index=3>
 Lamb of God: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6s0m-ecaDFI&list=PL873E78A9410BE7C6&index=2>