

# St Aidan's Parish

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**Office Days this week: Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	People of the Parish	10.30-12noon Confessions 3.30-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	Phil Finch RIP	12noon Nativity rehearsal in the church 12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Comper & Gainfort families (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	William Doherty RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Anne Tsang Siu Ngos RIP	9.00am Rosary <b>8.00pm Service of Reconciliation at St Joseph's</b>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Anderson RIP	9.00am Rosary <b>7.00pm Service of Reconciliation at St Columba's</b>
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Sharon Charlesworth (Sp Int)	<b>10.15-11am Confessions at Our Lady's</b> <b>5.15-5.45pm Confessions at St Aidan's</b>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

## FR KEN WRITES

Booklets were given out last weekend detailing the Mass times at all the churches in our pastoral area. If you didn't take one home last week there are still some in the narthex. The Christmas services at St Aidan's will be as follows:

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	Family Mass with Children's Nativity
	8.00pm	Vigil of Prayer and Carols followed by
	8.30pm	'Midnight' Mass
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00am	Mass of Christmas Day

If you didn't manage to go to confession this weekend at St Aidan's then there are two Reconciliation services this coming week, at St Joseph's on Wednesday and St Columba's on Friday, and confessions at Our Lady's and here at St Aidan's next Saturday. Please see the diary for details.

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>: MH PK SL & C; Sun 15<sup>th</sup>: JJ FM MW & X  
 Sat 21<sup>st</sup>: AM GM MW & D; Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>: SA AB EW & W

**Collection for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December: £516.56**  
**Standing orders: £480.00**

### CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

Christmas Nativity rehearsals will continue after Mass this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, with a final dress rehearsal on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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>

### YOUTH MASS

Once a month, the music at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass is led by the youth of the Parish. Dates for next term are as follows: 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> May, so please put these dates in your diary now. We are always looking for new recruits to join the youth music group – **singers and all instruments welcome**. If you are interested in joining in or would like to know more, please contact Sarah: [slg6@mac.com](mailto:slg6@mac.com) or 01494 765895.

### CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL EVENTS

The Little Chalfont Carols on the Green was this weekend, on Saturday at 11.00am.  
**The Epilepsy Centre Christmas Celebration** will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at **11.00am** (not at 2.00pm as in previous years). Everyone is welcome to attend and it would be lovely to see St Aidan's represented.

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CHRISTMAS ROTAS

Could all readers, eucharistic ministers, AV operators and altar servers please have a look at the sign-up sheet in the sacristy and add your name where you are able to help. Thank you.

### AN INVITATION

St Francis Ramblers welcome you to our ramble on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Meet at Great Missenden station, where the walkers' train is due in at 10.08am (calls at Chalfont & Latimer at 09.58am). Lunch will be at the Generals Arms, 77 The Broadway, High Street, Chesham. Distance 6.5 miles finishing at Chesham Underground station. Please call Paul on 07847 282626 for more details.  
 For more information about the club please go to: <http://www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com>

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

There is a selection of Christmas gifts and cards available in the shop in the narthex, including cards produced by MoPSA, and homemade ones showing the St Aidan's crib.

### 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\\_6tl0wuk&list=PL873E78A9410BE7C6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Sc_6tl0wuk&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>