

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 13th, Wednesday 14th & Thursday 16th 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: 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 15th Jan

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12th JANUARY 2020

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 11 th Jan	6.00pm	Mass - YOUTH THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	People of the Parish	4.45pm First Holy Communion Session in the Hall 4.45pm Youth Music Rehearsal 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 12 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	Horace Jones RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 13 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Doro Cenin RIP	9.00am Rosary
Tues 14 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Imelda Moore RIP	9.00am Rosary 7.00pm Pastoral Area Council meeting at Our Lady's with Bishop Peter
Wed 15 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Elizabeth Nawrocka (In thanksgiving)	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 16 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Michelle Horan RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 17 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – St Anthony	Hevey Family (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Sat 18 th Jan	6.00pm	Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 2 nd Collection: CAFOD crisis Appeal	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions Beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 th - 25 th January 2020
Sun 19 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	Kevin Kelly RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

On Wednesday last we received the good news that Canon David Oakley, the rector of Oscott Seminary in the Diocese of Birmingham, has been appointed as the next Bishop of our Diocese of Northampton. Let us thank God for his appointment and pray for him as he prepares for his ordination as Bishop on Thursday 19th March in Northampton Cathedral.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 11th: ShH CQ JS & B; Sun 12th: SA LJ MW & X
 Sat 18th: MH PK MW & D; Sun 19th: AB JJ FM & W

Collection for 4th & 5th January: £545.88
 Standing orders: £480.00

PROJECT OASIS

There are enormous numbers of refugees in the Middle East displaced from the war in Syria. Most want to go home eventually, but for a small number (translators etc) the Middle East will never be a safe place for them to live. Project OASIS aims for local communities to support individual families to settle in the UK. Through project OASIS the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden have recently welcomed and settled a refugee family in Chesham.

There will be a meeting on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm to discuss the possible involvement of St Aidan's in this refugee project. All those who are interested in hearing more about this initiative are invited to attend this meeting. Could you please let the Parish Office know if you are planning to attend so we have an idea of numbers. Many thanks

PARISH LUNCH

The first Parish lunch of 2020 will be next Sunday 19th January at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall. The sign-up list is in the narthex. £4 for a 2-course lunch and a glass of wine. New faces always welcome.

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admissions for September 2020 will close on 15th January. Please remember you need to 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 forms are available at the back of church.

NEWS FROM RESTORE HOPE

There is a Worship Night taking place on Friday 17th January in the Old Dairy, Latimer. Doors open at 7.30pm for refreshments - please feel free to invite friends and family from across the region. This is a FREE event and all are very welcome, but tickets must be booked in advance due to the size of the venue, via www.restorehopelatimer.org/worship-gathering/



COME, LISTEN AND SHARE!

(1) A talk by Nicholas King S.J. leading biblical scholar: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - Approaches to Hearing and Reading the Word. It's on Saturday 18th January, 10.00am - 12.30pm, at Holy Ghost Parish Centre, Westbourne Rd, Luton LU4 8JD. Everyone welcome. Refreshments and bookstall.

(2) Our Diocesan Spirituality Network will also meet there on the same day at 2.00pm and lunch will be available for anyone who stays for that meeting provided they notify Marie Heath on spirituality@nores.org.uk or Ann Collon in the NORES Office on 01582 723312.

Do come along to these events and help prepare for The Sunday of the Word of God on 26th January, as declared by Pope Francis, and the YEAR OF THE WORD 2020 launched by the Bishops of England & Wales. See the poster for more information.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Chess Valley Churches Together Service of Prayer for Christian Unity will be on Sunday 19th January at 3.00pm at Chenies Baptist Church, with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

CATHOLICS BASICS COURSE

Last chance for Catholic Basics "God" on Saturday January 25th at the Diocesan Centre, Luton, LU4 8JD. Come and join us from 10.00am to 3.00pm (arrival from 9.30am for refreshments) for an engaging and informative day with sandwich lunch. For details and booking: Tel 01582 723312 or admin@nores.org.uk

CAFOD APPEAL

More than half the population of Zimbabwe are affected by drought and food shortages, and this January CAFOD have launched an appeal to help support their response to this crisis. For more information please go to www.cafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal

Next weekend we will have a second collection to raise funds for this appeal.

