

# St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 4<sup>th</sup> March

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2020

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Mass <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	People of the Parish	5.15 – 5.45pm Confessions
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> March	11.00am	Mass	Ron Tobin RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am Lent Reflection Group meeting in the chapel
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Garlie Gernon RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Ann Mullin RIP	9.00am Rosary 8.00pm Justice & Peace Group meeting in the Presbytery
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Gerald McCarthy RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Mass – Feria <b>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</b>	Gerry Fichtl RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am The Way of the Cross 10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm	Mass <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: CAFOD Fast Day	People of the Parish	5.15 – 5.45pm Confessions
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Mass	Moira & Tom Bennett RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12noon Baptism Preparation Course

## FR KEN WRITES

I wish you all a good LENT, with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, preparing us for our celebration of Easter.

As already announced, as a precautionary measure against the spread of Coronavirus, for the time being we will have Communion only of one kind, and omit the sign of peace; and do make sure you keep your hands well washed!

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>: AM GM CQ & A; Sun 1<sup>st</sup>: JH JJ EW & V  
 Sat 7<sup>th</sup>: PA FO BR & B; Sun 8<sup>th</sup>: AB FM RS & W

Collection for 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February: £528.11  
 Standing orders: £480.00

### DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER THIS LENT

This Lent **Journey Into Freedom** through the life of Jesus, praying with scripture and art based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola from the Jesuits in Scotland. Sign up for a FREE daily email at <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/ Lent-retreat-2020> for a daily email that you can use whenever in the day suits you best. If you'd like to keep a prayer journal, any notebook will do, or pick up a copy of the 8 page leaflet in the narthex. We also have a small supply of printed books for those who prefer to reflect like that. There's an option to gather to share our reflections after Mass in the Chapel on Monday mornings finishing by **10.30am**. Please contact Joanna Hale [jchale@earthling.net](mailto:jchale@earthling.net) or 01494 724487 for a booklet, 8 page leaflet **and/or** if you'd like to join the group. The group is planned to go through to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY



CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers (one from our very own diocese!) and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

### ST PATRICK'S SOCIAL

Due to many factors we have, with sadness, decided that we can no longer have the Saint Patrick's Social. Over some 24 years we have had a number of musicians entertain us and for a number of years these have been our young parishioners ably led by Vince Smith. We have enjoyed three generations of Irish Dancers all brilliant and all from the same family. To all who entertained us and also to all who supported us over the years we offer a warm and heartfelt Thank You.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Thame are looking to appoint a new principal from September 2020. Please see the poster in the narthex for details of the role. Closing date for applications is 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### FR KEN'S ANNIVERSARY – SAVE THE DATE!

This year Fr. Ken celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as a priest. It is intended to celebrate this wonderful event with a Mass and parish lunch, to which all parishioners will be invited, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will follow nearer the time.

### ECUMENICAL EVENTS IN LENT

All are welcome at the Women's World Day of Prayer Service on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at the Methodist Church in Little Chalfont.

There will also be two lent courses at St George's Church: the first every Monday at 7.30pm on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, talking about disability inclusion, and the second every Thursday at 2.30pm on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> about the Journey of Lent, John's gospel. All welcome.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

NYMO will be hosting a Youth Ministry Conference on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, for all who love young people in our Church, and want to work to lead them to a closer encounter with Christ. The event is being held at the RE Centre in Luton. More details at <https://nymo.org/conference/> or call Fiona on 01582 720627.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Before a baptism at St Aidan's parents must attend a preparation course. Our next course begins next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March and registration for this will close on Monday morning. To register please fill out the Baptism Enquiry Form found on our website: <http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/baptism/> All families already registered will receive an email with further information on Monday.