

St Aidan's Parish

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FR KEN WRITES

Pope Francis recently reminded us that comfort and encouragement can come to many through the streaming of our services. Pope Francis does not have a tidy answer to those who lack faith, but he does not let those in the boat drown. God does care. In his address, Pope Francis criticises the pettiness and shallowness of the values of the world and the failures to show solidarity which the pandemic has exposed. The calls on God to save the human race from a mess of its own making and then blaming God for not doing so are in contrast to those wonderful manifestations of solidarity with which the world is becoming familiar. "We were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world which was sick. Now that we are in a stormy sea we implore you: 'Wake up Lord'".

RESTORE HOPE CRISIS APPEAL

Please check the 'latest news' page on our website :

<http://staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/latest-news/>

which gives information about an appeal Restore Hope (a local

Christian charity based in Latimer) have launched to support vulnerable local families this Easter. They need financial support, and lots of volunteers, so please have a look to see what you can do to help.

www.restorehopelatimer.org



PARISH NEWS

The celebration of public Mass was suspended in all Catholic Churches on 20th March, and St Aidan's is now closed until further notice. Following the updated guidance from the government on 23rd March, the church will no longer be open for private prayer. To read the full announcements, please check the 'newsletter' section of the website. Fr Ken will continue to celebrate Mass privately, but please do not attempt to attend these services. You could tune into Northampton cathedral or St Joseph's for their streaming: <http://northamptoncathedral.org/live/> or <http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live>

Please use the telephone if you would like to speak to Fr Ken. Do not turn up at the Presbytery. The office will remain closed until further notice, but Louise will be working remotely and will try to check and respond to emails daily.

To keep the number of emails we send to a minimum, we will be updating the 'latest news' section of our website as frequently as is necessary, so we would encourage you to check this several times a week, in addition to reading the newsletter online.

Are you elderly, or in a household which is isolating due to a chronic condition or current illness? Do you need help with delivery of groceries or other essential supplies while you are unable to go out? If so, please email the office or call Fr Ken. **There are parishioners ready to help you.** By giving your details you are consenting to us passing your details on to those who can help. Full details of our GDPR policy can be found on the diocesan website.

SUNDAY MESSAGE

Every week, the sheet from Redemptorist Publications that we would ordinarily print the newsletter on, will be available on the newsletter page of our website: www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/newsletters