

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 20th September 2020

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FR KEN WRITES

Our small Memorial Garden for the burial of ashes has been greatly improved by the addition of two seats and we are very grateful to the donor of these. It gives us another quiet place for contemplative prayer.

I have just finished reading an amazing book "Humankind. A hopeful History" by Rutger Bregman. Human beings, we are taught, are by nature selfish and governed by self-interest. This book makes a new argument: that it is realistic, as well as revolutionary, to assume that people are good. The instinct to cooperate rather than compete, trust rather than distrust, has an evolutionary basis that goes right back to the beginning of our species. Thinking the worst of others not only affects how we regard other people, but our politics and economics too.

COMING FORWARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS

Please remember that as the distribution of Holy Communion is currently in silence, the Eucharistic ministers are unable to give blessings. Please stay in your seat if you are not going to receive the host.

PRE-BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT MASS

Thank you to all who have been using our pre-booking system which is working well. So far this month we have not been oversubscribed, and in fact on several occasions there have been several free benches during Mass. If you would like to return to St Aidan's and have not already done so then please go to the front page of our website where you can find further information on how to book:

<https://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/>

CONFIRMATION 2020

Our confirmation candidates will be Confirmed at a special Mass at 7.30pm on Friday 9th October at St Joseph's Church in Gerrards Cross, alongside candidates from the rest of the Pastoral Area. Please pray for them as they make their final preparations. Attendance at the Mass is strictly limited to the candidates, their parents and sponsors, but the Mass will be live streamed via St Joseph's website.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

An announcement will be made next week regarding the children who were supposed to have made their First Holy Communion in May of this year. Thank you for your patience as we work out the best way to finish their preparation and invite them to receive Jesus in the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

Registration for 2021 will not open until the conclusion of the 2020 programme. Updates will be announced in the weekly newsletter.

ENCOUNTERS

There are some more copies of Fr Ken's little booklet, 'Encounters', available as you leave the church.

DIARY

Date	Time		Mass Intention
Saturday 19th Sept	6.00pm	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Charles Edward Rich RIP
Sunday 20th September	11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday 21 st September	Private	St Matthew	Terri Lucas RIP
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	Private	Feria	Mina O'Flynn RIP
Wednesday 23 rd Sept	Private	Feria	Nora Hawley RIP
Thursday 24 th Sept	Private	Our Lady of Walsingham	Margaret Kay RIP
Friday 25 th September	Private	Feria	Mary Nelson RIP
Saturday 26th Sept	6.00pm	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th September	11.00am		Des Hughes RIP