

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 27th September 2020

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FR KEN WRITES

Pope Francis reminds us that the only way out of the current crisis is all together. So, let us be united with all in the different parts of the world who are suffering through the coronavirus, and be faithful to our time of prayer each day.

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, and will continue through the Autumn. 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/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Parents should have received an email this Friday 25th with information about how we will be concluding the 2020 programme. If you did not receive this please email Louise as soon as possible.

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.

DIARY

Date	Time		Mass Intention
Saturday 26 th Sept	6.00pm	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish
Sunday 27 th September	11.00am		Des Hughes RIP
Monday 28 th September	Private	Feria	Manuel Castelino RIP
Tuesday 29 th September	Private	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Mary Nelson RIP
Wednesday 30 th Sept	Private	St Jerome	Mary Nelson RIP
Thursday 1 st October	Private	St Teresa of the Child Jesus	Adrian Hawley RIP
Friday 2 nd October	Private	Holy Guardian Angels	Ursula James RIP
Saturday 3 rd October	6.00pm	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Charles Rich RIP
Sunday 4 th October	11.00am		People of the Parish

DIOCESAN TALKS 'ONLINE'

Bishop David opened the series of 8 reflections on 'The Post-Lockdown Church' last Monday. He said "the real question is not about the Church IN a new reality.... (but) the Church AS a new reality continuing to reflect upon what the Lord is saying to us through the circumstances in which we find ourselves." And he invited the whole diocese to allow "the Lord to grow new fruit" so that we can help "him with the harvest rather than wringing our hands in self-focused despair." He left us with 3 questions:

1. Do you think the current pandemic is highlighting existing problems in the Church or pointing us towards something new?
2. Do you see the pandemic as threat or opportunity?
3. Can you name one thing you have learnt from this evening's talk?

Your answers, please, to Avril Baigent at avril@northamptondiocese.com

If you missed the talk it should be available on the diocesan website

<http://formationpathways.co.uk/exploring-the-post-lockdown-church-webinar-series/>

Our parish secretary, Louise, also has a hard copy for anyone who might need it.

Next Monday 28th September at 7.30pm Brendan Thompson of Catholic Voices will give the second talk on "Mission in a digital age". Do join this valuable series of reflections on the post-lockdown church here in the parishes of our Diocese of Northampton.