

# St Aidan's Parish

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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### FR KEN WRITES

We thank God for all those who were confirmed this Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, and we pray that they will become active and enthusiastic followers of Christ.

### PRE-BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT MASS

Thank you to all who have been using our pre-booking system. After being allocated a space, if you realise you will be unable to attend please call Fr Ken so he can cross you off the list. This will ensure the stewards can offer the space to someone else.

So far, everyone who has pre-booked has been allocated the spaces they requested. However, on several occasions this has meant a full church and so those who have turned up without a pre-booked spot have been unable to come in. We would please urge everyone to pre-book if you can, as this makes things much easier for our stewards. Thank you.

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/>

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This weekend our parish will be marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*. Please pray especially for those affected. Envelopes will be available as you enter the church, and can be handed back at the same time as your weekly offering as you leave at the end of Mass. If you have not yet returned to Mass at St Aidan's then you can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give) Thank you.

CAFOD are also encouraging people to come together across England and Wales with their Harvest Quiz, children's liturgy, Harvest assembly for schools, and Sunday evening prayer and reflection with Bishop John Arnold. Details of how to join and all resources can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/fastday>

### DIARY

Date	Time		Mass Intention
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	John Jackson RIP
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am		People of the Parish
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Private	Feria	Bill & Ida Walden RIP
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Private	Feria	Phillipa Golding RIP
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Private	Feria	Mary Nelson RIP
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Private	St Teresa of Avila	Cheryl Bryce (Sp Int)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Private	Feria	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am		Johnny Jordan RIP

## **DIOCESAN TALKS 'ONLINE'**

Exploring the Post-Lockdown Church – Monday webinars, Pastoral Ministry Office

Week 3: This week we are very lucky to have Francis Davis, Professor of Religion, Community and Public Policy, speaking on Making it real, a parish for the poor. As Francis has also been involved in starting over 40 social enterprises, he's got a lot of practical knowledge to share about getting parish projects off the ground. The talk would be of interest to anyone involved in the SVP, homeless outreach or any other kind of pastoral project. Please go to <http://postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.uk> for more information and to register.

Meanwhile, last last week's talk on faith sharing from Brenden Thompson at Catholic Voices is now available to watch on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tscj1eAP4KY&feature=youtu.be> It is an excellent, very accessible and encouraging talk.

## **WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION**

The Wycombe homeless connection supports people in housing crisis across Buckinghamshire. Every year they run a 'Big Sleepout', which is a chance for the community to act in solidarity with the homeless and raise money for their work. This year the Big Sleepout will be 'At Home', so it's easier than ever to join in. You can sleep in your garden, your bath, or anywhere you wouldn't normally sleep! More information can be found at [www.wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2020](http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/bigsleepout2020)

## **RESTORE HOPE UPDATE**

First of all we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support enabling us to bring hope to our local community in so many ways - from prayer to donations to volunteering and so much more. Every single day brings new and incredible answers to prayer!

This week, we have even been featured in the national newspaper 'The Guardian' in an article which talks about our many years of experience working in our local area assisting families in need, and how that need has been exacerbated by the COVID 19 pandemic.

As the global pandemic continues, we are seeing an increase in need in the communities around us, particularly as the economic crisis is placing increasing financial pressure on families already struggling. In addition to this, a significant number of our volunteers have now had to step down as furlough schemes end, universities have reopened and others have returned to work. We are therefore once again looking for new volunteers to assist in a vast range of different areas.

If you would be interested in volunteering with us, we would absolutely love to hear from you. There is a huge range of opportunities from gardening, admin and packing to delivering food parcels - to name but a few! We are particularly keen to hear from those of you who would be willing to pray for the families we deliver to. (You do not necessarily have to be able to drive!)

Please email [info@restorehopelatimer.org](mailto:info@restorehopelatimer.org) for more information or if you would like to apply to volunteer with us.

## **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – GOOD NEWS FOR BAD TIMES**

You are invited to join the inspirational Fr Nick King SJ for 3 free webinars in October: 7<sup>th</sup> Evangelisation, 14<sup>th</sup> Discipleship, 21<sup>st</sup> Fellowship. More information can be found at <https://www.holyinnocentsorpington.org/> and you can register at [orpington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:orpington@rcaos.org.uk)