

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 8th November 2020

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FR KEN WRITES

Unfortunately, we have once again had to close our doors to the public celebration of Mass. We hope to re-open on Saturday 5th December, but this will be subject to the government restrictions at the time. However, we are permitted to open for private prayer, and so from Wednesday 11th November, St Aidan's will be open twice a week, from 11.00am – 12noon on Wednesdays, and 2.00pm – 3.00pm on Saturdays. Thank you to the stewards who will be making this possible.

MASS DIARY

Date	Private Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday 8 th November	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish
Monday 9 th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Michael & Julia Gasley RIP
Tuesday 10 th November	St Leo the Great	Deceased relatives and friends of the Walden family
Wednesday 11 th November	St Martin of Tours	Terri & Albert Lucas RIP
Thursday 12 th November	St Josaphat of Polotsk	Terri & Albert Lucas RIP
Friday 13 th November	Feria	Mary Nelson RIP
Saturday 15 th November	Feria	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Mary & Donal Murray RIP

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St Aidan's will be open twice a week, from 11.00am until 12noon on Wednesdays and from 2.00pm until 3.00pm on Saturdays. When you arrive please enter via the main doors and follow instructions from the stewards. You do not have to pre-book a space. Other churches in our Pastoral Area will also be opening for prayer, and these times are listed below. Please check their websites for more details:

<https://ourladychurch-cheshambois.org/>

<https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/mass-times>

DAY	TIME	CHURCH
Monday	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Our Lady's, Chesham Bois
Tuesday	1.00pm – 2.00pm	St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross
Wednesday	11.00am – 12noon	St Aidan's, Little Chalfont
Thursday	10.00am – 12noon	Our Lady's, Chesham Bois
Friday	5.30pm – 6.30pm	St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross
Saturday (starting 15th)	2.00pm – 3.00pm	St Aidan's, Little Chalfont

DIOCESAN TALKS 'ONLINE'

The last of the talks will be at 7.30pm on Monday 9th November: *Thinking ahead: next steps for the post-lockdown Church* – Fr Matthew Nunes, Moderator of the Liverpool Synod, Episcopal Vicar for Formation. To join this webinar, or to watch recordings of any of the previous talks, please go to: <http://formationpathways.co.uk/exploring-the-post-lockdown-church-webinar-series/>

Following on from the webinars, we also have the first of our Saturday morning workshops coming up. These are a practical spin-off from the webinars, exploring some of the new skills and ideas we will need in the coming months:

7th November: 11.00am-12.30pm. "Planning for Advent and Christmas 2020 – reaching our families and housebound." Join us to explore a range of simple but creative ideas to help our parishes reach out this Advent. <http://formationpathways.co.uk/event/advent-and-christmas/>

CONVERSATIONS ON DIOCESAN TALKS

The Diocesan Webinars are raising lots of questions about how we go forward as church in these strange times. We'd love to consider together how this applies to our parish. If you're interested, perhaps just for half an hour a little while after the diocesan session has finished, please join our virtual group on Mondays at 9.15pm. Email Joanna on jchale@earthling.net for the link.

REFLECTION DAY, SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Celebrate all the **Carmelite Saints**, those known and those unknown, with **Fr Matt Blake** on **Saturday 14th November**. 10.00am Mass will be followed by two different talks at 11.00am and 12.45pm, all delivered via their live stream: <https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live> You are able to join us from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the church for Adoration. This is being run on behalf of the Diocese's Spirituality Network. You do not need to register, but a donation of £10 towards the cost of the day would be appreciated. Contribute to NORES via bank transfer – the Bank is NatWest, the Account Number is 46738746 and the Sort Code is 60-06-11. Please use Ref SPIRREFL.

LITTLE CHALFONT REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The short Service of Remembrance by the Memorial on Little Chalfont Village Green planned for Sunday 8th November at 10.50am will still be going ahead despite lockdown. However, the general public are being discouraged from attending, as the organisers do not wish crowds to gather.

ONLINE MARRIAGE SUPPORT

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ST ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

During lockdown, St Andrew's bookshop in Great Missenden are offering local home delivery, a Click and collect service, phone and collect service, phone for help and advice, and a virtual shopping service. They have a great selection of Christmas cards. Please check out their website:

<https://standrewsbookshop.co.uk/> or give them a ring on 01494 862168.

FIREWOOD TO HELP FEED FAMILIES

As we head towards the winter season and the colder weather, Restore Hope have a great supply of seasoned logs from their beautiful estate in Latimer. These are available for a minimum donation of £5 per bag, the proceeds from which all go towards their FoodLife initiative, helping to feed families facing difficult circumstances in the midst of this current pandemic. A donation of £10 for 2 bags of firewood will provide a box containing 16 portions of fresh fruit and vegetables for a family in need.

Given the essential nature of home heating and fuel, they are able to continue to offer firewood from the estate throughout lockdown. They work according to Covid-safe protocols and are able to accept contactless card payments. Firewood can be obtained from the Estate Office, Latimer Park Farm, HP6 1TU, which will remain open between 10.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.