

# St Aidan's Parish

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

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### FR KEN WRITES

Barack Obama, in the introduction to the first volume of his recently published memoirs, writes:

*"I'm convinced that the pandemic we're currently living through is both a manifestation of and a mere interruption in the relentless march toward an interconnected world, one in which peoples and cultures can't help but collude. In that world..... we will learn to live together, cooperate with one another, and recognise the dignity of others, or we will perish."*

I would highly recommend his book as a good thought provoking read. More than anyone, this book, says Obama, is for young people; an invitation to once again remake the world, and to bring about, through hard work, determination, and a big dose of imagination, a world that finally aligns with all that is best in us.

May I draw your attention to the opportunity to prepare for Christmas in the Season of Advent, organised by the Pastoral Area. Details on page 2 of this newsletter.

### MASS DIARY

Date	Private Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	Phil Finch RIP
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Feria	Deceased members of the Stevenson family RIP
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions	Heather & Jim O'Smotherly RIP
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	Keith McVicar RIP
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	Private Intention
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	Mary Nelson RIP
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	Private Intention
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	People of the Parish

### OPORTUNITIES 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/> and <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
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.00am – 12noon</b>	<b>St Aidan's, Little Chalfont</b>
Thursday	10.00am – 12noon	Our Lady's, Chesham Bois
Friday	5.30pm – 6.30pm	St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2.00pm – 3.00pm</b>	<b>St Aidan's, Little Chalfont</b>

## **ADVENT 2020**

An opportunity to prepare for Christmas in the Season of Advent is offered in our Pastoral Area. We will use Stations of the Infancy by Fr Denis McBride for our reflection. The book is beautifully produced with colourful artwork, prayers and reflections covering important events around the birth of Jesus and the role of his Mother Mary.

On Mondays to Fridays from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December we will run daily sessions via Zoom when we will pray and reflect on one station each day. Sessions will last approx. 30 minutes. To order your copy of the book and register to join one of daily Zoom sessions please visit:

<https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/node/180>

We have pre-ordered some books and these are available at the reduced price of £10.00 each (full price is £12.95). Please register by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November so we can be sure we have enough books. If you would just like a book, or with other questions, please contact Joanna Hale on (01494) 724487 or [jchale@earthling.net](mailto:jchale@earthling.net).

## **MESSAGE FROM RESTORE HOPE - CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

We would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to all those of you who have already donated to our Christmas fundraising appeal. So far we have received over 20% of our £12,500 target. Thank you for your generosity!

If you would still like to donate, please do so via our website at [www.restorehopelatimer.org/donate](http://www.restorehopelatimer.org/donate)

Every £1 donated will enable us to bless families who this year more than ever, are facing financial challenges, isolation and emotional struggles. Our aim is to deliver FoodLife Christmas hampers to hundreds of local families to give them an abundance of food to enjoy on Christmas Day and beyond.

A gift of just £35 will provide:

A hamper for a local family with all the ingredients for a plentiful Christmas dinner, including turkey, sprouts, Christmas pudding and all the extra trimmings!

Christmas books and magazines explaining the hope of Christmas for all the family.

A video link to our very own chef showing how to prepare and serve their Christmas meal.

Hand delivered to the door with a personal conversation.

Connection to year-round family support with Restore Hope.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this, and for your heart for our local communities.

## **THANKS FROM CAFOD**

CAFOD have written to express their thanks to the parish for our generous support of their Family Fast Day appeal in October, which raised £557.00.

## **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.

### **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.

### **ONLINE MARRIAGE SUPPORT**

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