

# St Aidan's Parish

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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### FR KEN WRITES

With the end of this lockdown fast approaching, we will be able to resume the weekend Saturday evening and Sunday morning public Masses from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the note below for information on how to pre-book a space. We will also be welcoming our First Holy Communion candidates in two Masses on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December. Due to space requirements these Masses will be for the immediate families of the candidates only. Next week I hope to be able to share with you our Christmas arrangements, which are currently being finalised.

Do please read Bishop David's Advent Pastoral Letter, by going to:

[www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/newsletters](http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/newsletters)

We are currently working to install a video camera in the church and in due course, hopefully by Christmas, we will be in a position to live-stream our Masses.

### PRE-BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT MASS

If you would like a space at Mass then booking requests must be emailed to [staidansinfo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:staidansinfo@yahoo.co.uk) by 9.00am on Thursday for the coming weekend. If there are more requests than spaces then places will NOT be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Instead Louise will look back at attendance over the previous few weeks to make sure everyone has a fair chance to attend. If you do not have access to email then you can request a place by ringing Fr Ken (within the same timeframe) and Louise will call you back to confirm if you have a space. If you turn up without a booking there may not be room for you.

### MASS DIARY

Date	Time		Mass Intention
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Private	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Private	St Andrew	Pauline O'Riordan (Sp Int)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Private	Feria	Private Intention
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Private	Feria	Noreen & Patsy Spillane (Sp Int)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Private	St Francis Xavier	Ann & Liam Long (Sp Int)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Private	Feria	Cora & Claire Walsh (Sp Int)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	First Holy Communion Mass – Invited guests only	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am		Mary Nelson RIP

## **OPORTUNITIES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

During lockdown this autumn St Aidan's has been open for private prayer from 11.00am until 12noon on Wednesdays and from 2.00pm until 3.00pm on Saturdays. The final session will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, after which we will be switching back to the celebration of Mass on a Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Other churches in our Pastoral Area will be continuing to open for private prayer, please check their websites for more details:

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

## **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 at 7.45am and 10.30am when we will pray and reflect on one station each day. Sessions will last approx. 30minutes. To 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). If you would like a book, or with other questions, please contact Joanna Hale on (01494) 724487 or [jchale@earthling.net](mailto:jchale@earthling.net).

## **ADVENT RETREAT**

NYMO invite all young adults to an online advent retreat. Open to all aged 18-35yrs, each Tuesday of Advent, beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> December between 8.00-9.30pm join the team on zoom for a time of prayer, worship and reflection. Email [hello@nymo.org](mailto:hello@nymo.org) for more information.

## **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.

### **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.

### **FUNDRAISING APPEAL**

The Passage are a charity who support homeless people. They are raising funds through the Big Give from 12noon on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December until 12noon on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December to support their work helping homeless people this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If you give £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 or email [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

Please generously give online at <https://tinyurl.com/PassageBigGive>