

# St Aidan's Parish

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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### *FR KEN WRITES*

This weekend and next we welcome the children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. It will take place in the course of two short children's Masses, postponed from earlier in the year owing to the coronavirus. I hope this will be an introduction to a greater involvement of the children in the weeks ahead.

You may have already heard of Pope Francis book "Let us Dream", written jointly with Austen Ivereigh. This makes excellent reading, which I wholeheartedly recommend.

We are currently finalising our plans for Christmas, and will share these with you next week.

### **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 weeks to make sure everyone has a fair chance to attend. If you do not have access to email then please call the new parish mobile number (07522 576177) within the same timeframe and leave a message with your request. Whether you request a space via email or telephone, Louise will reply to you by Thursday afternoon to confirm if you have a space. You must make a new request each week, and can only book for the upcoming weekend. If you turn up without a booking there may not be room for you.

### **MASS DIARY**

Date	Time		Mass Intention
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	First Holy Communion Mass – Invited guests only	
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>11.00am</b>		Mary Nelson RIP
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Private	St Ambrose	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Private	Immaculate Conception of the BVM	Mary Nelson RIP
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Private	Feria	Terri & Albert Lucas RIP
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Private	Feria	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Private	Feria	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	First Holy Communion Mass – Invited guests only	
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>11.00am</b>		People of the Parish

## NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

As Louise is now working mostly from home, if you need to get in touch with her via telephone rather than email then please call the new number (07522 576177) rather than the office.

Fr Ken can still be reached as usual on the landline: 01494 763518.

## 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 ST ANDREW'S BOOKSHOP

Dear friends,

After our second lockdown, we are delighted to let you know that we will be reopening our shop in Great Missenden from 9am - 5pm. The shop is full of beautiful Christian Christmas cards, great books, and Bibles which will make perfect presents for your loved ones this Christmas. Like so many businesses 2020 has been a really difficult year for us and we could really do with your support. So this Christmas, we invite you to visit the shop and buy Christian gifts for your family and loved ones.

We know that not all of our customers will be out and about like usual, but we are still here to serve you, we can post things to your door or you can do a click and collect. You can place orders over the phone 01494 862168 or visit our website [www.standrewsbookshop.co.uk](http://www.standrewsbookshop.co.uk)

We hope to see you soon.

Warm regards,

Steve & Debbi, Andi and Nan

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## 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>