

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 13th December 2020

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FR KEN WRITES

Let us all continue to give the Lord primary place in this prayerful time of advent.

There are more free copies of my booklet 'Encounters' available for anyone who wishes to read it. If you are not attending Mass but would like a copy please let me know.

PRE-BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND (19th/20th DECEMBER)

If you would like a space at Mass then booking requests must be emailed to staidansinfo@yahoo.co.uk by 9.00am on Thursday 17th. 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. If you turn up without a booking there may not be room for you.

CHRISTMAS AT ST AIDAN'S

This Christmas there will be 4 Masses at St Aidan's at the following times:

- Thursday 24th December 6.00pm (No nativity this year)
- Thursday 24th December 8.00pm
- Friday 25th December 8.00am (new Mass for this year)
- Friday 25th December 11.00am



If you would like to attend one of these Masses then please go to our website and fill out the form to request your spaces. If you do not have internet access please call 07522 576177. **Bookings will close on Thursday 17th December** and we will let you know whether your request has been successful as soon as possible after that and by Tuesday 22nd December.

As capacity in the church is very limited at the moment due to social distancing requirements, we anticipate that even with the extra Mass there will be more demand than we have capacity for, and we will not be able to make space for everyone. However, we are currently working towards live streaming our Masses. We hope that this will be up and running in time so that those who cannot come in person will be able to 'attend' a Christmas Mass at St Aidan's from home. More information about this will be communicated as soon as we can.

As the office will be closed between Christmas and New Year the form also includes options to book spaces at the weekend Masses on 26th/27th December and 2nd/3rd January. Bookings for these will also close on Thursday 17th December and we will let you know whether your requests have been successful by Tuesday 22nd December.

HELP REQUIRED – In addition to our usual covid stewards, we will need a parking steward at each of the 4 Christmas Masses. If this is something you could help us with please get in touch ASAP. Thank you.

MASS DIARY

Date	Time		Mass Intention
Saturday 12 th Dec	12 noon	First Holy Communion Mass – Invited guests only	
Saturday 12th Dec	6.00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
Sunday 13th Dec	11.00am		Ray Parsons RIP
Monday 14 th Dec	Private	St John of the Cross	
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Private	Feria	Mary Nelson RIP
Wed 16 th Dec	Private	Feria	
Thursday 17 th Dec	Private	Feria	
Friday 18 th Dec	Private	Feria	
Saturday 19th Dec	6.00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
Sunday 20th Dec	11.00am		Horace Jones RIP

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 30th November to 18th 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.

ADVENT RETREAT

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

CAROLS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN, LITTLE CHALFONT

There will be a short service led by Rev'd David Whale with carols played by a band at 11.00am on Saturday 12th December. All are welcome to attend. It will of course be different this year as there will be no singing, face masks must be worn and social distancing observed. If it is a wet day it will be cancelled as the village hall will not be available as in the past.

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