

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 20th December 2020

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FR KEN WRITES

The joy and peace I wish for all of you this Christmas must spring from centring our lives on the real meaning of Christ's birth. Perhaps for some of you, being unable to assist at Mass in the usual way, or unable to be with family and friends may enable us to appreciate them more.

The offertory collection at the Christmas Masses will, as usual, go to the help of the Missionaries of the Poor in places where many of them are suffering more than ourselves through coronavirus.

CHRISTMAS AT ST AIDAN'S

Thank you to everyone who filled out the online form to request a space at Mass this Christmas, and for the weekends of 26th/27th December and 2nd/3rd January.

The booking window has now closed and Louise will be in touch by 22nd December to let you know if there will be space for you.



PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP AT ST AIDAN'S IF YOU DID NOT PRE-BOOK A SPACE. SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS UNFORTUNATELY MEAN IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SQUEEZE ANY EXTRAS IN.

We are hopeful that we may be able to live-stream a couple of our Christmas Masses so those unable to attend can join in from home. Please check the website for details nearer the time.

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.

MASS DIARY

| Date | Time | | Mass Intention |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 19 th Dec | 6.00pm | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 20 th Dec | 11.00am | | Horace Jones RIP |
| Monday 21 st Dec | Private | Feria | |
| Tuesday 22 nd Dec | Private | Feria | Mary Nelson RIP |
| Wednesday 23 rd Dec | Private | Feria | |

APPLE JUICE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Some have been asking about 'Anthony's Apple Juice' that Dcn John & Mary sold in the Hall after the 11.00am Mass. Thanks to a bumper crop and generous providers of apples they now have new stock which is available at £3 a bottle or 4 for £10. All profit goes to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance who rescued Anthony in 2011. Contact Mary on 01494 726931 or mscrowshaw@gmail.com if you would like some. Collection or delivery can be arranged. They also have potatoes from their allotment!

SEA SUNDAY – SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. Please go to www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday to watch an appeal from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.

LUX.Valour! ONLINE

Calling all young people aged 11-18!

On Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st January 2021, we can all come together online for LUX.Valour! During our LUX.Valour weekend, we will be exploring what it means to be a young person of great bravery. How we can walk into the unknown of this New Year, confident that we are “not given a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power.” 2 Timothy 1:7. Let's discover what God-given courage feels like and how we can learn to be Warriors when we are struggling. As the Psalmist said: “In Your strength I can crush an army. With my God I can scale any wall.” Psalm 18:29

Although we will be online for our Lux.Valour Weekend, there will still be amazing talks, fun small groups, moving times of prayer, ridiculous games and a theme night and all completely free!

For more information please go to: <https://nymo.org/lux-valour/> or contact NYMO at info@nymo.org

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