

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 17th January 2021

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FR KEN WRITES

Many of us have now received the coronavirus vaccine, and Pope Francis has booked an appointment for it in the next few days. He said that he felt “ethically everyone should receive the vaccine” and he added that, in not taking the vaccine, people were not only putting their own health at risk, but also that of others.

For myself, I am very impressed by the efficient way in which our NHS has organised the distribution of the vaccine, with so many doctors and nurses giving their time and energy to helping. Let us continue to pray for one another.

I would remind you that our Sunday Masses at 11.00am are now streamed and are recorded, so you can catch up on the past few weeks if you missed them. This Sunday is Peace Sunday, when we pray especially for peace in our world, and 18th – 25th is the annual week for prayer for Christian unity. God bless you all.

MASS DIARY

While local coronavirus cases are so high Fr Ken will be saying Mass privately. On Sundays the Mass will be live-streamed, and the link to view is on the home page of our website. You can either join live or come back later and watch the recording.

Date	Private Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday 17 th January PEACE SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	People of the Parish
Monday 18 th January	Feria	Maria McNaughton (Sp Int)
Tuesday 19 th January	Feria	Cale RIP
Wednesday 20 th January	Feria	Geoffrey Gatter RIP
Thursday 21 st January	St Agnes	Tomlinson RIP
Friday 22 nd January	Feria	Maria McNaughton and family (Sp Int)
Saturday 23 rd January	Feria	People of the Parish
Sunday 24 th January	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	Kevin Kelly RIP

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

The Liturgy Commission invite you all to participate in their next online Zoom session exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year. This takes place on Tuesday, January 19th, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome, but if you haven't done so previously, you should please register in advance to secure a place by emailing admin@nores.org.uk or calling 01582 723312 (ext 1). Once your booking is received you will be sent details of how to join the online Zoom sessions. There is a flyer with more information underneath this newsletter on our website.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Have you lost your job this year due to the pandemic? The Diocese can provide free professional online job hunting and self-employment coaching, information and activities for parishioners seeking work. Please go to www.vitaeopus.co.uk Please pass the web link on to anyone who might find it helpful.

LUX.Valour – ONLINE YOUTH RETREAT

This retreat will be taking place online on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st January and will all be accessible through the YouTube Channel 'luxnymo'. 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.

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!

This event is open to all young people aged between 11 and 18. It is completely free but please book your space in advance by going to: <https://nymo.org/lux-valour/>

RESTORE HOPE PRAYER WEEK

Next week, January 18th – 22nd, is our annual Prayer Week. Lockdown means that this will inevitably be very different to previous prayer weeks as we are not able to gather for times of teaching or worship. However, if there was ever a time and need to pray for the season and year ahead, it is now!

Our theme for the week is "Preparing to Expect the Unexpected!" We are inviting you to join with us in prayer over the course of this week, as we seek the Lord over the following 5 key areas:

1. Presence and Power - For the presence and power of God to be manifestly evident here at Restore Hope and through us as we reach out to families. For lives and communities to be transformed.
2. People - That everyone we are reaching would have their hope restored! For all the children, young people and families we are reaching, for volunteers and for partner organisations.
3. Place - For insight and wisdom in how to utilise and develop the buildings and land. For security, for protection and safety.
4. Programmes - For God's guidance into the future hope programmes to run that will maximise our Kingdom impact.
5. Provision - For the financial and people resources needed to do all that the Lord is leading us to do!

We would love to hear from you with any specific revelation you receive from the Lord - please email us at info@restorehopelatimer.org May we take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year. Every blessing, The Restore Hope Team

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