

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 24th January 2021

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FR KEN WRITES

As Christians around the world observe this week of prayer for Christian unity, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus's invitation to overcome discord and sow reconciliation. Jesus did not command his disciples to be united, but rather prayed that they might be. This means that we are not able to achieve unity with our own strength. Unity is above all a gift, a grace to be requested through prayer.

Pope Francis has expressed his support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which has come into force this past Friday. This accord is the first legally binding international agreement to prohibit signatory states from developing, testing, producing, stockpiling, stationing, transferring, and using or threatening to use nuclear arms. He also encouraged all states and people to work with determination to promote the conditions necessary for a world without nuclear arms. The best way to do this by contributing to the advancement of peace and multilateral cooperation.

I continue to pray for each one of you through these difficult days. God bless you. Fr Ken.

MASS DIARY

While local coronavirus cases are so high Fr Ken will be saying Mass privately. We will be reviewing this decision regularly and open as soon as it is practical, sensible and safe to do so.

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 24 th January	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	Kevin Kelly RIP
Monday 25 th January	Conversion of St Paul	Anne Cleary
Tuesday 26 th January	SS Timothy & Titus	Quinn RIP
Wednesday 27 th January	Feria	Anne Cleary
Thursday 28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas	Fr Bustin RIP
Friday 29 th January	Feria	Mary Nelson RIP
Saturday 30 th January	Feria	People of the Parish
Sunday 31 st January	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	Maureen Jones RIP

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The last parish council meeting was held via zoom on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. The minutes of this meeting can be found on our website: www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/parish-council

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP DAVID

Bishop David has written a "Pastoral Message during the third lockdown". This can be found underneath this newsletter on our website.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK

This year we read the Gospel of Mark most Sundays. Fr Matt Blake OCD will give a general introduction to Mark's Gospel to help us enter more deeply into the extract we hear each Sunday. He will look at the overall structure of the Gospel and some of its principle themes.

The talks will be on Live Stream and You Tube. www.carmelitechurch.org

YouTube "Kensington Carmelite Church"

Dates are Wednesdays 20th and 27th January and 3rd and 10th February at 10.00am and repeated at 8.00pm.

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/>

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