

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 31st January 2021

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FR KEN WRITES

Last Sunday there was no streaming of our Mass owing to the sudden snowfall, and so we were unable to underline that it was a Sunday of the Word of God, and Pope Francis was urging us to make a habit of reading the Bible.

This weekend is a day of prayer for racial justice when we pray that we may all have a great respect and compassion for one another. The Vatican II reminds us that any kind of social and cultural discrimination in basic personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, colour, social condition, language or religion, must be curbed or eradicated as incompatible with God's design.

We continue to thank God for the care and unselfish work done by so many people helping others during this terrible pandemic, and we pray for those who have died and those bereaved. God bless you all this coming week.

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 31 st January	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	Maureen Jones RIP
Monday 1 st February	Feria	Romeo Basini RIP
Tuesday 2 nd February	The Presentation of the Lord	Banham RIP
Wednesday 3 rd February	Feria	Private Intention
Thursday 4 th February	Feria	Nolan RIP
Friday 5 th February	St Agatha	Manuel Castelino RIP
Saturday 6 th February	SS Paul Miki & Companions	Private Intention
Sunday 7 th February	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	People of the Parish

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

LENT 2021

There are many excellent resources to help us pray in Lent, both online and printed. Some new ones include:

Be Drawn to Christ using weekly Wednesday livestream and Bible Reflections inspired by Carmelite Spirituality, <https://www.oxcacs.org/product/lenten-retreat-be-drawn-to-christ/> There is a range of charges depending on what you choose.

Knowing Jesus online retreat from the Glasgow Jesuits <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent2021.html> and <https://www.onlineprayer.net/> with free daily emails from Ash Wednesday, 17th February to the First Sunday of Easter, 11th April. The themes will link with the BBC Radio 4 Daily Service.

Reflecting with Paintings with Fr Denis McBride - one a week. The retreat material will be available free online, but the books and CD are also available to purchase at <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/borrowing-the-eyesawakening-to-yourself-set>

Those who took part in Advent greatly appreciated the weekday prayer over Zoom using The Stations of the Infancy. We could consider having weekly, weekday or even daily Zoom meetings during Lent within the Pastoral Area if people would like to pray together. If you'd be interested, please contact Joanna Hale (01494) 724487 or jchale@earthling.net or Christine Cornwell mccornwell@gmail.com

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.

LUX.Valour – ONLINE YOUTH RETREAT

We cannot wait to welcome you this weekend! Here's a little sneak peak of what the program looks like.... Each video will go live on YouTube at the specified time, and we will have a 'watch party' for each one - so come along and chat with the team and each other in the comments! Our YouTube channel is luxnymo - remember to subscribe to get reminded when new content goes live!

There will be the normal mix of fun games, great talks, exciting workshops and a chance to all get together on Zoom for 'After Hours' live event! We will even be having Sunday Mass with Bishop David in his private chapel at Bishop's House!

Check out the playlist on Spotify to get you in the mood!-

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0P6xnEiemiIQ41KSe2NjFq?si=be2WHLW-QmGw70SO5wieWA>

We can't wait to explore the theme of Valour with you and think about what it is to have Godly bravery and courage in these crazy times!

To register for the weekend, fill in the form on our website here <https://nymo.org/lux-valour/> and for more behind the scenes footage and sneak previews make sure you check out our Instagram @luxnymo Know that we are praying for you and we can't wait to see you!

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:

At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

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