

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 7th February 2021

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FR KEN WRITES

I am sure we have all been inspired by the selfless example of Sir Captain Tom Moore. No matter what our age, young or old or in between, we can all help in some way or other where needed. May he rest in peace.

We pray for Mona Durkin, who died last week and for Ann Pearce who has also just died – both good parishioners.

Pope Francis has dedicated February to prayer for women suffering from violence, and he has added the memorial of St Mary, Martha and Lazarus to the Roman calendar, giving the siblings a combined feast day of the 29th July. Also at the end of July there will be a world day for grandparents and the elderly.

It goes without saying that we continue to pray for all who are suffering at this difficult time and thank God for the light that is beginning to shine at the end of the tunnel.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Preparation for those children in year 3 or above would usually have commenced by now. However, we have decided to postpone for the time being. We will open registration later this year, in late spring or early summer, depending on restrictions at the time. Watch this space!

MASS DIARY

While local coronavirus cases are high and the hospitals still under severe strain, Fr Ken will be saying Mass privately. We will not be opening on Ash Wednesday as previously hoped; instead we will wait until the government announcement on 22nd February before reviewing again. 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 7 th February	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	People of the Parish
Monday 8 th February	Feria	George Wildeggar RIP
Tuesday 9 th February	Feria	Fr Ron Bustin RIP
Wednesday 10 th February	St Scholastica	Pat Billett RIP
Thursday 11 th February	Feria	Reeman RIP
Friday 12 th February	Feria	Ann Pearce RIP
Saturday 13 th February	Feria	Private Intention
Sunday 14 th February	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	People of the Parish

LENT 2021

There are many excellent resources to help us pray in Lent, both online and printed. Thanks for your responses to last week's note. In the Pastoral Area we're currently planning:

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. Joanna jchale@earthling.net offers a weekday Zoom for this at 7.45am, Monday to Friday.

Journeying with Jesus with Fr Denis McBride. Seven weekly biblical themes for reflection. Christine mccornwell@gmail.com offers a weekly Zoom on Tuesdays 10.30am -11.15am from 23rd February to 6th March.

If you'd like to join one of these groups, please register on line via St Joseph's website <https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/> or contact Joanna or Christine.

David Whale has organised a Lent Course for the Chenies Benefice and he is happy for anyone to join in on Zoom. The Course will last for 8 weeks and will be on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm starting on the 9th February 2021. The evening will start by watching a video then go into small groups of 5 - 8 for discussion followed by another video session. If you require more information please contact David on 01923 286131.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Due the pandemic there will be no WWDP service this year. St Aidan's will host in March 2022.

LITTLE CHALFONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The latest newsletter and a Covid-19 leaflet will not be printed and delivered by hand on this occasion due to the pandemic. You can find electronic copies on their website: [www. http://www.littlechalfont.org.uk/](http://www.littlechalfont.org.uk/)

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