

# St Aidan's Parish

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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### *FR KEN WRITES*

We are coming towards the end of Lent, and what a traumatic time it has been for us all. As already announced, you are invited to book your place in the church for Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. There will be some palms available for you to take home, but it is more meaningful if you bring a piece of foliage from your garden to be blessed at the Mass. The simplified ceremonies of Holy Week can perhaps help us to realise more deeply the meaning of Jesus's death and resurrection.

Included in my few words is the sad news that Louise, our secretary/administrator is leaving us at the end of April to take on a full-time job. This will be a great loss to us and we are now looking for her replacement. Please see below for details on how to apply.

### **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – JOB OPPORTUNITY**

We are currently recruiting for a Parish Secretary for the parish of St Aidan's Little Chalfont. The role will be for 12 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed. This is a great opportunity to work in our parish environment for someone with proven administration/secretarial experience. Full information about the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> or via email [hadmin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:hadmin@northamptondiocese.com) Details are also on our own website.

Applications should include an Application Form, CV and covering Letter. The closing date for applications will be 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and interviews will take place the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> April.

### **RE-OPENING OF ST AIDAN'S**

We are preparing to open our doors once again for the public celebration of Mass, beginning next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am. Parishioners will be required to pre-book their spaces at Mass through a form on our website. Please go to: [www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/Easter-2021](http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/Easter-2021) and follow the instructions. Bookings for Palm Sunday will close on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March, and bookings for Easter weekend will close on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

In the meantime, **we need your help!** If you are available to steward, clean the church, read, or distribute communion please email the office as soon as possible, letting Louise know how you can help. We are required to have a minimum of two stewards at each Mass, and so will be unable to re-open without this support. Thank you

### **NONVIO-LENT**

Make a commitment this Lent '...to set aside every act of violence in thought, word and deed, whether against our neighbours or against God's creation.' Pope Francis, World Peace Day Message.

During Lent, deepen your reflection on sustaining a commitment to nonviolence with our NonvioLent blog: [paxchristi.org.uk/lent-blog](http://paxchristi.org.uk/lent-blog)

## MASS DIARY

St Aidan's church is currently closed for the public celebration of Mass and Fr Ken will say 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	Time	Private Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Private	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>11.00AM – LIVE STREAM</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Private	Feria	Private Intention
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Private	Feria	Billy Magner RIP
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Private	St Patrick	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Private	Feria	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Private	St Joseph	Susie Barclay RIP
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Private	Feria	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>11.00AM – LIVE STREAM</b>	Mary Walsh RIP

## LENT 2021

There are many excellent resources to help us pray in Lent, both online and printed. In the Pastoral Area we're 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, 17<sup>th</sup> February to the First Sunday of Easter, 11<sup>th</sup> April. The themes will link with the BBC Radio 4 Daily Service. Joanna Hale [jchale@earthling.net](mailto:jchale@earthling.net) offers a weekday Zoom for this at 7.45am, Monday to Friday and will add a weekly reflection if participants would like them.

Journeying with Jesus with Fr Denis McBride. Seven weekly biblical themes for reflection. Christine Cornwell [mccornwell@gmail.com](mailto:mccornwell@gmail.com) offers a weekly Zoom on Tuesdays 10.30am -11.15am from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 6<sup>th</sup> March.

If you'd like to join one of these groups, please go to [https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Lent Reflections](https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Lent_Reflections) to register.

There are all sorts of ideas for Lent at <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/home-copy/growing-in-faith/parish-resources/lent-resources/>

## CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES

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