

# St Aidan's Parish

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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### *FR KEN WRITES*

Pope Francis has called for a year dedicated to St Joseph. This is on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as a Patron of the Universal Church.

Prayer to St Joseph:

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,  
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only son;  
in you, Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us to,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain from us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.

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

We are preparing to open our doors once again for the public celebration of Mass. All being well we will open for the start of Holy Week, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. All previous arrangements regarding stewarding and distancing will be in place. Parishioners will be required to pre-book their spaces at Mass through a form on our website – more information about how to do this will be shared in the week beginning 15<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)

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## 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	Private Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>11.00AM – LIVE STREAM</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>11.00AM – LIVE STREAM</b>	People of the Parish

## CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February was CAFOD Lent Fast Day. If you haven't already donated to their appeal then you can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent) You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*.

\*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: [www.cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

## 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/>