

St Aidan's Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9th May 2021

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FR KEN WRITES

You will doubtless have read the news that our overseas aid budget has been cut from 0.7% GDP to 0.5%. This is disastrous, given especially the appalling situation in India, Brazil, and many other countries. Furthermore, the People's Vaccine Alliance, to which CAFOD belongs, warns that a reservoir of Covid in many parts of the world is the threat to the whole.

We pray that our post-pandemic lives may be inspired by our Christian faith and love.

BOOKING YOUR SPACE AT MASS

St Aidan's is now open for the public celebration of Mass on Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am. Social distancing restrictions mean the capacity of our church is hugely reduced, and so if you would like to attend you are strongly advised to pre-book your space. Please go to www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk and follow the instructions on the front page. If you try to attend without a pre-booked space there may not be room for you in the church, particularly on Sunday at 11am.

MASS DIARY

The diary below details the Masses which 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	Mass	Mass Intention
Saturday 8 th May	6.00pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 th May	11.00am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER LIVE STREAM	Mina O'Flynn RIP
Monday 10 th May	Private	Feria	Gerry Fichtl RIP
Tuesday 11 th May	Private	Feria	Claire Reed SP Int
Wednesday 12 th May	Private	Feria	
Thursday 13 th May	Private	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
Friday 14 th May	Private	ST Matthias	
Saturday 15 th May	6.00pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th May	11.00am	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER LIVE STREAM	Joan Lehane RIP

PASTORAL AREA NEWS:

Bishop David has decided to amalgamate the two pastoral areas of South Bucks and Chilterns into one larger area. The new Pastoral Area (PA) is made up of ten parishes and the Dean is Mgr Seán Healy, Parish Priest of St Teresa's, Beaconsfield. The combined PA Councils are to meet shortly to see how we can further the mission of the Church in this part of the Diocese.

DIOCESAN SUMMER WEBINAR

Monday 10th May 7.30pm. Diocesan Summer Webinar: Divine Renovation week 4, Transforming our parish culture. An evening of inspiration and practical ideas as we look to the future of our parishes. With internationally renowned worship leader and musician Jo Boyce of CJM music. You can find out more and register here: https://readalong_divine_renovation.eventbrite.co.uk

Some parishioners from across the 10 Parishes in our Pastoral Area have been meeting via Zoom to discuss the Divine Renovation talks after these have completed. If any of you as clergy or your parishioners would like to join us, please email deaconpaulpriestley@northamptondiocese.org for Meeting ID and Password. The four Divine Renovation talks given so far that can be viewed on the Pastoral Ministry Office website:

https://pastoralministryoffice.org/summer_webinars/

News CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Mary in Scripture

There are 10 beautiful reflections on Mary in Scripture prepared by the Glasgow Jesuits at <https://www.onlineprayer.net/>. They will be available for several months to use whenever you wish. If you would like to join a small group praying them together on Zoom at 7.40 for 7.45 - 8.15 each weekday morning, we'll start after Pentecost, from the wonderful new feast 'Mary, Mother of the Church', Monday 24 May, for the next 2 weeks finishing on 4 June. Contact Joanna Hale at jchale@earthling.net if you would like to join the online group.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – deadline extension

Community Worker for Church to Community (C2C) Project at Chesham Methodist Church

Hours: 16 per week. Salary: £10.40 per hour (FTE £20,280)

Length of contract: 3-year fixed term but it is hoped that it may be extended subject to finance. Start date: to be agreed

A Community Worker is needed for the C2C Project at Chesham Methodist Church, to reach out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ by facilitating a range of projects to meet the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of local people. The role includes facilitating activities to support older people and others, including those living with dementia. Candidates should have experience of organising activities and/or events and of working with older people. A requirement for the candidate to be a practising Christian is an Occupational Requirement for this role in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. For an application pack please email Lu Gigg on amcircuitmethodist@gmail.com The deadline for applications has now been extended to Monday 17th May. Interviews will now be held on Friday 28th May.