

St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: **Monday 22nd, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th January**

SACRAMENTS & FUNERALS AT ST AIDAN'S

BAPTISM: By appointment after completing a Baptism Preparation Course. Please contact St Aidan's office as early as possible in your planning. Next course dates – 4th, 11th & 18th March.
MARRIAGE: By appointment after completion of a Marriage Preparation Course. Please contact the office BEFORE making any firm plans.
FUNERALS: By arrangement with the Parish Priest. Please contact the office BEFORE making any firm arrangements with undertakers or the crematorium.

If you would like something included in the newsletter, please email the office. Deadline for next week: Wed 24th Jan

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 21st January 2018

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 20 th Jan	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 21 st Jan	11.00am	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass	Kevin Kelly RIP	12noon 1.00pm Tea and Coffee in the Hall Parish Lunch
Mon 22 nd Jan	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Eddie O'Riordan (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Tues 23 rd Jan	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Henry Clarke RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 24 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – St Francis de Sales	Geoffrey Gatter RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am SVP Meeting
Thus 25 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – Conversion of St Paul	Bridge Cattigan RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 26 th Jan	9.30am	Mass – SS Timothy & Titus	Abina & Cornelius Lehane RIP	9.00am Rosary
Sat 27 th Jan	6.00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 2 nd Collection: Racial Justice Mass	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 28 th Jan	11.00am	Mass	Maureen Jones RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM
 Sat 20th: JS SuH ShH & D; Sun 21st: RS MW EW & W
 Sat 27th: MH PK SL & C; Sun 28th: SA AB JJ & X

Collection for 13th & 14th Dec: **£650.54**
Standing orders: **£502.00**

FR KEN WRITES

We will all have heard Bishop Peter's letter regarding the week of prayer for Christian Unity, and so we continue to pray for this important intention. On Wednesday there will be a Day of Prayer & Fasting during this week of prayer for Christian Unity.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are by appointment after completing a Baptism Preparation Course. The next course will be on 4th, 11th & 18th March, and is open to those families who are expecting as well as those whose babies have already been born. Please sign up by filling in the enquiry form on our parish website:
<http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/baptism/baptism-enquiry-form.php>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This Sunday the children's liturgy will re-start after the Christmas break. This is an opportunity for children of school age who have not yet made their First Holy Communion to gather together and discuss the Gospel. The discussions are aimed at the younger ones, so children who have already made their First Holy Communion should stay with their families in church. Once again, many thanks to those on the rota, and if anyone would like to volunteer to join the team please email the office or speak to Fr Ken.

BISHOP PETER WARMLY INVITES YOU TO.....

the Diocesan Mass for Married Life, at The Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD. Gathering will commence from 11.30am and Mass will follow at 12 noon. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone this year please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 07412 151517, or at mfl@northamptondiocese.com All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass.

LUX.Be – 2nd – 4th February 2018

The next event planned by the Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO) is fast approaching! Lux weekends are a mixture of teaching and fun activities, and are open to anyone aged 11 – 18 years of age. The theme for this year's LUX is 'BE'. We are focussing on just being with God. Further information is on flyers in the narthex and their website:
www.nymo.org or please email info@nymo.org

HELPING OUR PARISHES PASS ON THE FAITH

The Diocese have arranged an event exploring resources to assist parishes in their mission of passing on the Faith. This will be led by David Wills, on Saturday 17th March, from 10am – 4pm at St Teresa's Church Hall, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL. Please see the booking forms in the narthex for more information, and speak to Fr Ken or contact the office if you would like to attend.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS EVENT – ALL WELCOME

Come and hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe, our Lent focus country. Deborah Purfield, CAFOD coordinator, will also share her amazing experience from her recent visit to El Salvador. Saturday 27th January - St Teresa's Hall, 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL. 10:15am – 2.30pm (coffee/tea from 10am with shared lunch from 1:30pm). Please book a place - 01844 274724 or northampton@cafod.org.uk

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

*Barrier-breaking God,
 You embrace all cultures and lands,
 keep a special place in your heart for the stranger,
 the widow and the orphan.
 Grant us the gift of your Spirit that we may become
 as You are,
 welcoming all as brothers and sisters, Your
 cherished children,
 citizens together in Christ's kingdom of justice and
 peace. Amen*

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH CAFOD

CAFOD really need people to go into our Catholic schools to inspire students to act on their sense of justice. You don't have to be a teacher to do this role, only a passion for CAFOD's work and an ability to communicate well with children and young people. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided. Please get in touch: northampton@cafod.org.uk or 01844 274 723.