

# St Aidan's Parish

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**Office days this week:**      **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

## 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 – to be announced.  
**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 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Mass <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	Willie Kelly (Sp Int)	10.15am Nativity Rehearsal in Church 12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Noreen & Patsy Spillane (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Betty Brennan RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – St Lucy	Mina & Sean O'Flynn (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary 10.00am SVP Meeting
Thus 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass – St John of the Cross	Chris & Willie Kelly (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Mass - Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary 7.30pm Reconciliation Service at St Columba's
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	<b>YOUTH Mass</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Mary Nelson RIP	<b>10-11.00am Confessions</b> <b>4.30-5.45pm Confessions</b>
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	10.15am Nativity Rehearsal in Church 12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 1.00pm Parish Lunch

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM**  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup>: SuH MH PK & C;      Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: JH LJ EW & W  
 Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: SL AM GM & B;      Sun 17<sup>th</sup>: SA RS FM & X

**Collection for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec:**      **£696.93**  
**Standing orders:**      **£502.00**

## FR KEN WRITES

All of us, except young children, need to go to Confession, because no-one is perfect! The sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful way of getting things right in our lives: our relationship with God and with one another. So, do take advantage of one of the opportunities offered in our pastoral area: Here at St Aidan's confessions will be heard between 10 and 11am, and between 4.30 and 5.45pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. There will be also be Reconciliation Services with individual Confessions at the following times: 7.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at St Columba's, 8.00pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at St Joseph's, 7.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden. Confessions at Our Lady's at 10.15-11.00am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. All the times for Christmas Masses in our Pastoral area are set out in a leaflet available in the narthex.

## YOUTH MASS

Next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December is our next Youth Mass. Music for transposing and all instruments are in the Narthex in the wicker basket labelled Youth Group. If anyone would like to join this group or find out more about them please come along to the rehearsal at 4.45pm in the church or contact Sarah Gallagher: [slg6@mac.com](mailto:slg6@mac.com) Singers and all instruments welcome, as well as volunteers to read.

## ADVENT REFLECTION DAY

All are welcome to an Advent Reflection Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Turvey. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more information and book via the Nores office: [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)

## PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall. The sign-up list is in the narthex. £4 for a 2-course lunch and a glass of wine.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER

*Churches Together invite you to attend the Christmas Service at the Epilepsy centre on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. The service lasts about 30 minutes and is followed by refreshments. Please do consider joining us: we welcome extra people to help with the singing of the carols.*

## THE GIVING TREE IS BACK!

The giving tree will be in the narthex for one more week. Your generosity for those less fortunate will be much appreciated. Please take a label from the tree, and when you have obtained the item, wrap it as a Christmas present and stick the label on it so it can be seen what is inside. All gifts need to be returned to the boxes provided in the narthex by 17<sup>th</sup> December, so NOAH, the Centre for the homeless in Luton, have got time to distribute them in time for Christmas. Thank you so much.

## CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

### Calling all actors and readers!

There is still time to sign up for our Christmas Eve nativity. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for any children of primary school age who wish to dress up and act, and any older children and teenagers who wish to be narrators for our nativity during the first Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve 6pm).

Rehearsals will be Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.15-11.00am, and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5.00pm, and parents will need to stay with their children during rehearsals. All costumes will be provided. If you have any questions or would like more information please email the office.

Thank you very much to the parents who have come forward to organise this again and continue this wonderful St Aidan's tradition.

## GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

Please join us for an EXTRA day of prayer and fasting, on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. Please also pray especially that politicians and councillors won't hinder the pro-life presence outside abortion clinics and that buffer zones won't be introduced. For more information see: [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)