St Aidan's Parish

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Office days this week: Monday 30th April & Thursday 3rd May

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 2nd May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 29 th APRIL 2018								
Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events				
Sat 28 th April	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	4.45pm 5.15-5.45pm	First Holy Communion Children's Meeting in the Hall Confessions			
Sun 29 th April	11.00am	Mass	John Jordan RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall			
Mon 30 th April	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Fr Ron Bustin RIP	9.00am	Rosary			
Tues 1 st May	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Dan Richards RIP	9.00am 9.30-11.30am	Rosary Toddler Group in the Hall			
Wed 2 nd May	9.30am	Mass – St Athanasius	Philip Gibbon RIP	9.00am	Rosary			
Thurs 3 rd May	9.30am	Mass – SS Philip & James	Mary O'Malley RIP	9.00am 8.00pm	Rosary Justice & Peace Group meeting at St Aidan's. All welcome			
Fri 4 th May	9.30am	Mass – Martyrs of England & Wales	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am 10.00am	Rosary Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
Sat 5 th May	6.00pm	Mass SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm	Confessions			
Sun 6 th May	11.00am	Mass	Kathleen & Arthur Hedges RIP	12noon	Tea and Coffee in the Hall			

FR KEN WRITES

You will notice that we have our regular Justice and Peace group meeting this Thursday 3rd May here at St Aidan's. This covers the whole of our pastoral area, and the group are always happy to include others who are interested. Just contact Fr Ken or the office for more information.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS A	ND READER TEAM	Collection for 21st & 22nd April:	£566.65
Sat 28 th : CQ BR JS & A;	Sun 29 th : SA FM MW & V	Standing orders:	£502.00
Sat 5 th : KC LH ShH & D;	Sun 6th: AB LJ RS & W	2 nd Collection: Priests' Training Fund:	£313.67

YOUTH AFTERNOON

On Saturday 16th June there will be a Pastoral Area Youth Afternoon, held in the paddock behind our Lady's Church, with food, team games and music. More information to follow, but please put the date in your diaries now.

This event will need adult volunteers from all parishes so please let the office know if you would be able to help, either with preparations or on the day.

OPEN THE BOOK

Would you like to help tell local schoolchildren bible stories? We are a team of Christians from 5 different churches in this area. We currently go into 4 local primary schools to deliver assemblies, telling bible stories from a set programme scripted by Open The Book. The children love these as they get to dress up and take part with us, but we need more volunteers so we can go into more schools. You can help whatever age you are, in fact we have a lot of retired volunteers. All of us have no acting experience but the programme is easy to follow and enjoyable and we just want our local children to hear God's word! You only need to volunteer once a half term minimum and it only takes up about one hour of your time. If you think you could help, please contact Kathy Pierce on 07742 296713. There is a booklet in the narthex with more information.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

'Discerning God's Call in my life', on 25th to 27th May in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit their website www.fcisisters.org

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be Sunday 27th May 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. New faces very welcome.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note the office will not be open next Wednesday 2nd May.

CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS

There are several events planned in May to raise money for Christian Aid:

Churches Together Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th May from 10.30am-1.30pm at the Methodist Church, Little Chalfont. There will be car washing, coffee, lunches, cakes, plants, books and DVDs and a table top sale. Donations would be gratefully received as well as help on the day. Please contact Clare on 01494 432106.

Soup and Cheese Lunches on 16th, 17th and 18th May from 12pm-2pm, at the Quaker Meeting House, Whielden Street, Old Amersham.

Chiltern Singers Concert on 19th May at 7.30pm in the Amersham Free Church. Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine or juice. Call 01494 724207 or purchase on the door.

ALL CREATION SHINES WITH THE GLORY OF GOD

A Day of Reflection for Catholic Women, on the theme of 'Creation Spirituality' is being led by Sr Gemma Corbett, on Saturday 12th May at 11am – 3pm at St John the Apostle Church, Luton, LU3 3AL. Contact Maura Potter on 01628 666278 for more information.

LITTLE CHALFONT VILLAGE DAY

This year, the village day will be on Saturday 16th June. The theme for this year's scarecrow competition is 'Women in History' Please see the poster at the back of church or go to www.littlechalfont.org.uk for more information and to find out how to enter.