

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 8th & Thursday 11th April

SACRAMENTS AND FUNERALS AT ST AIDAN'S

BAPTISM: By appointment after completing a Baptism preparation course. Please contact St Aidan's as early as possible in your planning. Next course dates to be confirmed.

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 10th April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7th APRIL 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 6 th April	6.00pm	Mass FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 7 th April	11.00am	Mass	Donny Hetherington RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 8 th April	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mina O'Flynn RIP	9.00am Rosary 2.00pm Churches Together meeting at St George's
Tues 9 th April	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mick Long RIP	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Toddler Group in the Hall
Wed 10 th April	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 11 th April	9.30am	Mass – St Stanislaus	Maureen Cunningham RIP	9.00am Rosary 7.45pm Global Healing in the Hall
Friday 12 th April	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Walsh RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am The Way of the Cross
Sat 13 th April	6.00pm	Mass PALM SUNDAY With blessing of palms at both Masses	People of the Parish	10am – noon Confessions 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 14 th April	11.00am	Mass	Peter Wilson RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

We are now drawing near to Holy Week, with next Sunday being Palm Sunday. The procession with palms begins at 11am near the Statue of St Aidan. It is quite appropriate to wear bright colours and carry branches from trees to wave as we process.

You are invited to take a pamphlet giving the details of the Holy Week services in all the parishes of our pastoral area. Coming close to the Lord in his Death and Resurrection will make this coming Holy Week a time of retreat and prayer.

As always on Good Friday, the retiring collection will be for the support of Christians in the Holy Land, and at the two Easter Masses I will be sending the collection to the Missionaries of the Poor (MoPSA) for their work with orphans and others in Kenya and elsewhere.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 6th: PA KC CQ & A; Sun 7th: SA LJ MW & X
 Sat 13th: LH SuH MH & C; Sun 14th: AB JJ FM & W

Collection for 30th & 31st March: £462.92
 Standing orders: £480.00
 2nd Collection: CAFOD Appeal: £1,118.92

CAFOD EMERGENCY CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL

Many thanks for your support of the emergency CAFOD appeal last weekend for the victims of Cyclone Idai. As a parish we raised £1,118.92 which has been sent to CAFOD to help those people who really need urgent emergency aid.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At 3pm on Good Friday there will be a Children's Stations of the Cross in the church hall. It is a service that is enjoyed by families and is well attended. Once the Stations of the Cross are completed, we join the congregation in the church, and the whole service is usually concluded in about an hour.

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be on Sunday 28th April 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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Those of you using Offertory Envelopes should be starting your new box this weekend. There are still a few boxes in the narthex waiting to be collected, so claim yours today if you have not already done so.

TODDLER GROUP

The toddler group has now finished for the Easter holidays. The current leader has now stood down due to other commitments, and so the toddler group will not continue next term. Many thanks to those who ran this for the last year, and if anyone is interested in stepping forward please speak to the office.

GLOBAL HEALING – A MOVIE FOR LENT

The last of these sessions will be this Thursday 11th April at 7.45pm in the hall. If you have been unable to attend but are interested in watching this short film, then please go to <https://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/> where you will be able to watch the film, and access the course materials.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL TRUST

We are very privileged in this country to have had a commitment from the Government to Catholic Education. Catholic schools only receive 90% of the Capital Funding of other state schools. As a school we have to find the other 10%. In the increasingly secular society where many people would like to see an end to Catholic education it is really important that Catholic schools can continue to find this funding. The OLS Trust was set up in 2003 to enable the school to buy extra resources and educational equipment that otherwise we could not afford to buy. The Trust spends the income it receives promptly and efficiently so that your children can enjoy the benefits as quickly as possible. The OLS Trust has been well supported in the past with up to 68 families contributing and so far we have raised over £125,000. It is a tax efficient way of saving as the Trust are able to reclaim a further 25% back from all contributions made.

We are seeking new members for the School Trust Board as some existing members are due to leave Our Lady's this year. There is also a project about to be announced in regards to the old headmaster's house that has stood unused on the school grounds for years. It is not a big commitment. It consists of 3 or 4 meetings of no more than 90 minutes each that take place over the school year. The next Trust meeting is scheduled to take place at the school on the 20th March at 8pm. If you are interested please contact Sean Robbie, The Chair of the Trust on srobbie@gmail.com or 07963 557086 for further details.

Contributing to the OLS Trust is easy, either by monthly standing order or a one off payment. Please contact Sean, or the school office for details.