

St Aidan's Parish



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Office Days this week: Wednesday 7th August
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: Tues 6th August

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 4th AUGUST 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 3 rd Aug	6.00pm	Mass EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Charles De Costa RIP	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 4 th Aug	11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 5 th Aug	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Simon Wadlow RIP	9.00am Rosary
Tues 6 th Aug	9.30am	Mass – Transfiguration of the Lord	Henry Thomas Clarke RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 7 th Aug	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Ruth Cleary RIP	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 8 th Aug	9.30am	Mass – St Dominic	Breedge Bolger (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Fri 9 th Aug	9.30am	Mass – St Benedicta of the Cross	Bernadette – In thanksgiving	9.00am Rosary
Sat 10 th Aug	6.00pm	Mass NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish	5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 11 th Aug	11.00am	Mass	Brian Mack RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM
 Sat 3rd: SL BR MW & D; Sun 4th: SA AB LJ & W
 Sat 10th: KC AM GM & A; Sun 11th: EW JJ FM & V

Collection for 27th & 28th July: £533.42
Standing orders: £480.00

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION
 Next year's First Holy Communion registration is now open for children who will be at least 7 years old on 1st September 2019 (i.e. in Year 3 or above). If you have a child whom you think may be ready, please sign up by filling in the form on our parish website: <http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/sacraments-at-st-aidans/first-holy-communion/> If you cannot access the online form, please speak to the office.

PAVILION IN THE PARK
 Once again Churches Together are hosting the Pavilion in the Park in Westwood Park on the following dates in August: 6th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th. The Pavilion will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm for refreshments, crafts for the children and chat. Everyone is very welcome so do come along. If you can volunteer some time to help then please come too. Thank you.

PARISH REFLECTION DAY 20th JULY 2019

An enthusiastic and well-informed group with wide experience of the Parish and its history met to address what we do well in the Parish and how we can build on our present efforts for the future benefit of the Parish and beyond. We bore in mind that in the short to medium term we may have to function without a resident parish priest and cooperate closely with neighbouring Parishes. That St Aidan's led by Fr Ken was a welcoming and inclusive parish was acknowledged by all. Similarly, it is clear that the Parish is unstinting in its support (financially and otherwise) for the causes that we support and in sacramental preparation. Within the Parish we have a diversity of backgrounds with good internal relationships. Externally we maintain very good relations with our fellow Christians and others. We play a prominent role in the Pastoral Area. Nonetheless there are challenges which we all need to address: how will we respond eventually to any lack of a resident parish priest; how do we enthuse younger generations of volunteers to participate and develop the work of the parish and how do we maintain and foster the practice of our faith in an increasingly secular world, especially among the young? Our participants at the Reflection Day were confident that with the help and inspiration of the Holy Spirit St Aidan's was well placed to continue the good work that it does and to meet the challenges that we all face. A full report will be circulated shortly.

REDUCED SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Over the school holidays the office will only be open on the following days:
 Wednesday 7th August, Thursday 15th August, Thursday 22nd August and Thursday 29th August. The office will then reopen for the new term on Wednesday 4th September.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL ALUMNI GROUP

The Governors of Our Lady's School would like to build an alumni network for the School. If you are a former pupil and would be interested please email deacondavidcurtis@gmail.com Please could you pass this message on to any other former pupils you know who might not have access to this newsletter. Thank you.

PROJECT OASIS MEETING – THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST

There are enormous numbers of refugees in the Middle East displaced from the war in Syria. Most want to go home eventually, but for a small number (translators etc.) the Middle East will never be a safe place for them to live. Project OASIS aims for local communities to support individual families to settle in the UK. Mark Haines, the Northampton diocesan lead for OASIS, will be visiting our parish on **Thursday 22nd August** to discuss ways in which we might be able to support this project in future. The meeting will take place in the parish hall at **7.30pm** and all interested parishioners are urged to attend.

PARISH SOCIAL – FEAST OF ST AIDAN

On the afternoon of Sunday 1st September, there will be a Walk followed by a BBQ in the parish grounds to celebrate the Feast of St Aidan. Walk starting at 2.00pm with the BBQ around 4.00pm. Anyone not wanting, or able, to take part in the walk are still very welcome to join us for the BBQ. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we know how many to expect. There will be no charge for this event but we will be taking donations on the day. Please see the poster in the narthex for more information. If you can help, either as a marshal on the walk or with the BBQ, please let Deirdre know: deirdre.lay@btinternet.com or 01494 764306. Thank you.