

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 24th, Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th February

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: 8th, 15th & 22nd March 2020.

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 26th Feb

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 23rd FEBRUARY 2020

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 22 nd Feb	6.00pm	Mass SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish	11.00am Live streaming in the church of farewell Mass for Bishop Peter 5.15 – 5.45pm Confessions
Sun 23 rd Feb	11.00am	Mass	Gasley family RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 1.00pm Parish Lunch in the Hall
Mon 24 th Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Judy Lloyd (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
Tues 25 th Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	George Wildeggar RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 26 th Feb ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am 8.00pm	Mass – with blessing of ashes Mass – with blessing of ashes	Peter Thomsett RIP Private Intention	9.00am Rosary A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
Thurs 27 th Feb	1.30pm	Requiem Mass and funeral of Pat Billett		
Fri 28 th Feb	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Sat 29 th Feb	6.00pm	Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	5.15 – 5.45pm Confessions
Sun 1 st March	11.00am	Mass	Ron Tobin RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

We welcome Fr Andy who will be celebrating the 11.00am Mass this Sunday.

Ash Wednesday looms up on the horizon this week. It is a day of fasting and abstinence and a great opportunity for us all to grow closer to the Lord in our way of life.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 22nd: MH PK SL & C; Sun 23rd: AB RS MW & X
 Sat 29th: AM GM CQ & A; Sun 1st: JH JJ EW & V

Collection for 15th & 16th February: £486.85
 Standing orders: £480.00

RE-START YOUR PRAYER LIFE THIS LENT

Do you wish you had more time to pray but aren't sure how to fit prayer into your daily routine? This Lent Journey Into Freedom through the life of Jesus, praying with scripture and art based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola from the Jesuits in Scotland. Sign up at <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/lent-retreat-2020> for a FREE daily email from Ash Wednesday, 26th February, that you can use whenever in the day suits you best.

We encourage you to keep a prayer journal: any notebook will do, or pick up a copy of the 8 page leaflet in the narthex. We also have a small supply of printed books for those who prefer to reflect like that.

There's an option to gather to share our reflections after Mass in the Chapel on Monday mornings finishing by 10.30am (earlier finish time after conversations this week!). Please contact Joanna Hale ichale@earthling.net or 01494 724487 for a booklet, 8 page leaflet and / or if you'd like to join the group. The group will start with an introductory session on Monday 24th February and, if people find it helpful, will go through to Monday 20th April.

ORDINATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP

At 11.00am on Thursday 19th March, our new Bishop will be ordained at a Mass in Northampton Cathedral. The Diocese would like every parish to be represented and we have been issued 2 tickets to pass on. There is a member of the PPC attending, but if any other parishioner would like to represent St Aidan's at this Mass please speak to Fr Ken as soon as possible. First come first served!

FUNRAISING CONCERT

Please support a St David's Day concert in aid of The Passage (a Christian homeless charity) at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Friday 28th February at 7.00pm. Full details and booking info are on the website www.passage.org.uk

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Thame are looking to appoint a new principal from September 2020. Please see the poster in the narthex for details of the role. Closing date for applications is 3rd March.

DISABILITY AND THE CHURCH

Over Lent, on Monday evenings, St George's Church are going to be running a course that looks at disability and the church, to which parishioners of St Aidan's are invited to join. Free tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/disability-inclusion-church-tickets-94429945509>
 Or a video with more detail at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gP1eqd6rv0Q>

ST PATRICK'S SOCIAL

Due to many factors we have, with sadness, decided that we can no longer have the Saint Patrick's Social. Over some 24 years we have had a number of musicians entertain us and for a number of years these have been our young parishioners ably led by Vince Smith. We have enjoyed three generations of Irish Dancers all brilliant and all from the same family. To all who entertained us and also to all who supported us over the years we offer a warm and heartfelt Thank You.

CATENIANS

If you are a Catholic man over the age of 18, why not consider becoming a Catenian? Catenians meet once a month to enjoy each other's company and to support one another. Our social calendar is extensive and includes many events which whole families attend. If you are interested, please speak to Christopher Cooke (01494 764628) or Peter Harris (01494 863572) about dining with us one evening – without commitment!

YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

NYMO will be hosting a Youth Ministry Conference on the 7th March, for all who love young people in our Church, and want to work to lead them to a closer encounter with Christ. The event is being held at the RE Centre in Luton. More details at <https://nymo.org/conference/> or call Fiona on 01582 720627.

