

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th March

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. Current course in progress. Next course: 14th, 21st & 28th June 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 11th March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8th MARCH 2020

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 7 th March	6.00pm	Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2 nd Collection: CAFOD Fast Day	People of the Parish	5.15 – 5.45pm Confessions
Sun 8 th March	11.00am	Mass	Moira & Tom Bennett RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12noon Baptism Preparation Course Wk 1
Mon 9 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	David Tracey RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am Lent Reflection Group in chapel 8.00pm First Holy Communion Parent's meeting in the Hall
Tues 10 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Rosie Sayers RIP	9.00am Rosary 8.00pm Pastoral Area Council Meeting at St Joseph's
Wed 11 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Janet O'Connor RIP	9.00am Rosary
Thurs 12 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Fri 13 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Gazeley RIP	9.00am Rosary 10.00am The Way of the Cross
Sat 14 th March	6.00pm	YOUTH Mass THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	4.45pm First Holy Communion Session in the Hall 5.15 – 5.45pm Confessions
Sun 15 th March	11.00am	Mass	Chris Kelly RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12noon Baptism Preparation Course Wk 2

FR KEN WRITES

May I draw your attention to the Journey into Freedom reflection group, each Monday immediately after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome – please see below for more details. This can be a very good occasion for doing something extra in lent.

The Bishops of England and Wales have agreed to rededicate England as the Dowry of Mary on 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. This reflects the devotion to Mary that existed in medieval England, and the belief that she took a protective interest in our country's affairs. Faced with the personal and national challenges of our day we turn to Our Lady once again and offer our faith as she leads us to her Son.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 7th: PA FO BR & B; Sun 8th: AB FM RS & W
 Sat 14th: KC LH MW & D; Sun 15th: SA LJ JH & Y

Collection for 29th Feb & 1st March: £587.47
 Standing orders: £480.00

DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER THIS LENT

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 for a FREE daily email at <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/lent-retreat-2020> that you can use whenever in the day suits you best. If you'd like 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**. Please contact Joanna Hale jchale@earthling.net or 01494 724487 for a booklet, 8 page leaflet **and/or** if you'd like to join the group. The group is planned to go through to Monday 20th April.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD's Family Fast Day last Friday 6th March was an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. Please hand in your envelope this weekend and give generously. There are envelopes in the narthex if you didn't receive one last week. Thank you.



NEWS FROM RESTORE HOPE



We are currently looking to recruit someone into the role of Estate Assistant, a full-time role within our staff team, supporting the Estate Development Officer in managing the land and buildings of the estate, keeping the buildings clean and tidy, setting up events and supporting key hope activities with those we come alongside.

On Saturday 28th March, we are holding our first Community Garden Volunteer Day. Whether you are a keen gardener or a complete beginner, we would really love your help in getting our community garden ready for the new season.

More information on both the job opportunity and volunteer day can be found on the website:

www.restorehopelatimer.org

VOCATIONS DAY

The Diocese of Northampton are running a Vocations Day for men who may be thinking about the possibility of priesthood. This will take place at Holy Family Church, Luton, LU3 3TA, on Saturday 21st March, 10.00am to 4.00pm. If you would like to attend please contact Fr Andy at vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be Sunday 29th March 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 welcome.

THINKING THEOLOGY LECTURE

St Paul's Catholic School invites you to a lecture by Fr Brendan Seery: **"Camio to Santiago – A Pilgrim's Story"**. Monday 23rd March at 7.00pm, Phoenix Drive, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EN. Enquiries 01908 669735. Please see the poster for more information.

YOUTH MASS

Next Saturday 14th March the 6.00pm Mass will be a Youth Mass. However please note there will be no rehearsal beforehand.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

This Sunday we welcome several families to our Baptism preparation course. Please pray for them.