

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Monday 16th & Thursday 19th 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 18th March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

15th MARCH 2020

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events	
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
Sun 15 th March	11.00am	Mass	Chris Kelly RIP	5.15 – 5.45pm	Confessions
Mon 16 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Rosie Sayers RIP	12noon	NO Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Tues 17 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Rosie Sayers RIP	12noon	Baptism Preparation Course Wk 2
Wed 18 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Thurs 19 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Bernadette Richards (In thanksgiving)	10.00am	Lent Reflection Group in chapel
Fri 20 th March	9.30am	Mass – Feria	Rosie Sayers RIP	9.00am	Rosary
Sat 21 st March	6.00pm	Mass FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish	11.00am	Live streaming in the Hall of the Ordination Mass of new Bishop
Sun 22 nd March	11.00am	Mass	Brian Mack RIP	9.00am	Rosary
				10.00am	The Way of the Cross
				5.15 – 5.45pm	Confessions
				12noon	NO Tea and Coffee in the Hall
				12noon	Baptism Preparation Course Wk 3

FR KEN WRITES

Our new Bishop will be ordained this coming Thursday in Northampton Cathedral at a Mass beginning at 11.00am. It will be 'live-streamed' via the internet, and you will be able to watch it in our parish hall. Try to arrive by 10.45am, and if there are too many people for the hall we will move into the church and use the screen there. Please pray for David Oakley as he becomes our new Bishop.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 14th: KC LH MW & D; Sun 15th: SA LJ JH & Y
 Sat 21st: MH PK SL & C; Sun 22nd: JJ RS MW & X

Collection for 7th & 8th March:

£500.59

Standing orders:

£480.00

2nd Collection: CAFOD fast day:

£981.10

COVID-19 – OUR RESPONSE

We have been given guidance from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to help us contain the Coronavirus, and several measures have now been put in place at St Aidan's to help keep our parishioners safe.

- The holy water stoups are not in use; we have suspended the physical sign of peace; we have ceased use of parish Mass books.
- The collection baskets will not be passed around during the offertory – instead there will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass.
- We have suspended distribution of the Eucharist under both kinds – only the Host will be given, and on the hand only.
- We have also been advised to suspend coffee and tea after Mass on Sundays, and monthly parish lunches.

These measures are all intended to reduce the physical contact between individuals. However, the best way of protecting us from the spread of the virus is still for everyone to use universal good hygiene, particularly washing your hands regularly.

If you have cold or flu symptoms, or a temperature, please refrain from attending Mass until you are well again.

FAIRTRADE STALL

The Justice & Peace group at St Aidan's will have a Fairtrade stall after Mass on 29th March.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Aisling and Richard will be presented with their Certificate of Completion of our Pastoral Area's Marriage Preparation Course at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 15th March. Please pray for them as they approach their wedding day and for the faithful witness of all married couples.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new set of envelopes for the coming year will be available next week.

THE GIFT – A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

There will be a six week course starting on 6th May at St Joseph's Church aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings starting at 8.00pm and finishing at 9.30pm, with refreshments served from 7.30pm. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more information, and contact St Joseph's Parish Office on 01753 886581 to sign up.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

Our parish raised a fantastic £981.10 for CAFOD's Family Fast Day last week. Your support will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our sisters and brothers in your prayers throughout Lent.



CHRISM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY – 9th APRIL

As last year, a coach will be taking Parishioners from our Pastoral Area to the Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral on Holy Thursday. Pick up from St Aidan's at 8.30am in order to be there in good time by 10.00am. If you wish to reserve a place on the coach please add your name AND CONTACT PHONE NUMBER to the sign up sheet in the narthex. Deadline for booking will be Monday 23rd March. There will be no charge for this trip, although if you wish to give a donation please contact the office. If advice from the government changes regarding public gatherings this trip will of course be cancelled and we will let you know.