

# St Aidan's Parish

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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### *FR KEN WRITES*

I quote from this weeks Tablet: "Some of the beloved rituals of Holy Week will not take place this year because of continuing concerns about transmission of coronavirus. Instead there will be only subdued, limited services in England and Wales, following the issuing of instruction from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales."

Here at St Aidan's the Masses will be as follows:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Palm Sunday: 11.00am Mass

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, Maundy Thursday: 8.00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Good Friday: 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Holy Saturday: 8.00pm Vigil with First Mass of Easter together with the Polish

Community

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday: 11.00am Mass

To attend any of these services it will be necessary to pre-book your space. Please see the note below for details of how to do this.

### **RE-OPENING OF ST AIDAN'S**

We are preparing to open our doors once again for the public celebration of Mass. All being well we will open for the start of Holy Week, on Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. All previous arrangements regarding stewarding and distancing will be in place. Parishioners will be required to pre-book their spaces at Mass through a form on our website. Please go to: [www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/Easter-2021](http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/Easter-2021) and follow the instructions. Bookings for Palm Sunday will close on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March, and bookings for Easter weekend will close on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

In the meantime, **we need your help!** If you are available to steward, clean the church, read, or distribute communion please email the office as soon as possible, letting Louise know how you can help. We are required to have a minimum of two stewards at each Mass, and so will be unable to re-open without this support. Thank you

### **NONVIO-LENT**

Make a commitment this Lent '....to set aside every act of violence in thought, word and deed, whether against our neighbours or against God's creation.' Pope Francis, World Peace Day Message.

During Lent, deepen your reflection on sustaining a commitment to nonviolence with our NonvioLent blog: [paxchristi.org.uk/lent-blog](http://paxchristi.org.uk/lent-blog)

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## MASS DIARY

St Aidan's church is currently closed for the public celebration of Mass and Fr Ken will say Mass privately. On Sundays the Mass will be live-streamed, and the link to view is on the home page of our website. You can either join live or come back later and watch the recording.

Date	Private Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>11.00AM – LIVE STREAM</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	Chris Kelly RIP
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	Edward Collini RIP
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick	Jim Kennedy RIP
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	Phillipa Golding RIP
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph	Private Intention
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Feria	Private Intention
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>11.00AM – LIVE STREAM</b>	People of the Parish

## LENT 2021

There are many excellent resources to help us pray in Lent, both online and printed. In the Pastoral Area we're planning:

Knowing Jesus online retreat from the Glasgow Jesuits <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent2021.html> and <https://www.onlineprayer.net/> with free daily emails from Ash Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February to the First Sunday of Easter, 11<sup>th</sup> April. The themes will link with the BBC Radio 4 Daily Service. Joanna Hale [jchale@earthling.net](mailto:jchale@earthling.net) offers a weekday Zoom for this at 7.45am, Monday to Friday and will add a weekly reflection if participants would like them.

Journeying with Jesus with Fr Denis McBride. Seven weekly biblical themes for reflection. Christine Cornwell [mccornwell@gmail.com](mailto:mccornwell@gmail.com) offers a weekly Zoom on Tuesdays 10.30am -11.15am from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 6<sup>th</sup> March.

If you'd like to join one of these groups, please go to [https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Lent Reflections](https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Lent_Reflections) to register.

There are all sorts of ideas for Lent at <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/home-copy/growing-in-faith/parish-resources/lent-resources/>

## RESTORE HOPE SPRING UPDATE

Dear Parish, Our packing barn was transformed this week into a sea of yellow as some of our wonderful volunteers gathered to assemble 6,750 spring flowers into 250 stunning Mother's Day bouquets. These are being delivered as we write to bless local mums whom we have been supporting through the pandemic. Our thanks go to everyone who has been involved in every stage of the process, and to all those of you who have already donated so generously to our Spring Appeal. An amazing £10,000 has already been donated towards the bouquets, Easter blessing packs and food boxes, which brings us to 50% of our total target of £20,000.

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We are now working towards supplying Easter gifts to families in crisis across our region, alongside our regular provision of fresh fruit and vegetable boxes as part of our ongoing FoodLife initiative. In spite of the easing of some of the lockdown measures, many families are facing further financial hardship, and the need for support continues to grow week by week. We are privileged to be able to come alongside all the families referred to us, offering hope and prayer as well as practical support. It is exciting to see transformation taking place as we reach out.

To make all of this possible, we still need to raise a further £10,000. To become a monthly HOPE PARTNER, or to make a one-off donation towards the £20,000 for Spring Hope, please go to [www.restorehopelatimer.org/donate](http://www.restorehopelatimer.org/donate)

Thank you so much, Graham  
on behalf of the Restore Hope Team