## OUR LADY'S, Chesham Bois & St. AIDAN'S, Little Chalfont

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## 24th December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, 2023 Year B

Our Lady's, Chesham Bois, 30 Amersham Road, HP6 5PE		St. Aidan, Little Chalfont, Finch Lane, HP7 9NE		
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	5.00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	6.15 pm	(Vigil Mass)
Sun 24th Dec	10.30am (Joint Mass at St. Aidan's)	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	(Joint Parish Mass)
	7.00pm Carol Singing		5.00pm	(Nativity and Vigil Mass)
	7.30pm Nativity and Vigil Mass		11.30pm	(Carol Singing)
Mon 25th Dec	9.00am (Christmas Day Mass)		12.00	(Midnight Mass)
Tue 26th Dec	9.30am No Mass	Mon 25th Dec	11.00am	(Christmas Day Mass)
Thu 28th Dec	9.30am No Mass	Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	(The Holy Innocents)
Fri 29th Dec	6.30pm Adoration	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Adoration
	7.00pm (St. Thomas Becket)		9.30am	(St. Thomas Becket)
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.00pm (Vigil Mass)	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.15pm	(Vigil Mass)
Sun 31st Dec	9.00am (Feast of the Holy Family)	Sun 31st Dec	11.00am	(Feast of the Holy Family)
Benediction: Fri (6.30pm)		Benediction: Fri (9.00am)		
<b>Confessions:</b> <i>Fri</i> (6.30pm – 7.00pm)		Confessions: Friday & Saturday after Mass		
Mass Intentions: Sat (Archangel Raphael), Mon (Parish), Fri (Bert & Frances Mendis RIPs)		Mass Intentions: Sat (Nolan RIP), Sun (Peggy Jordan RIP, 5.00pm Mass: <i>Michael Landers RIP</i> , Midnight Mass: Parish), Mon (Parish), Fri (Bastin Intentions))		

Christmas Services: St. Aidan's: Sunday 24th December: 5.00pm Children's Nativity Mass, 11.30pm Carol Singing, followed by Midnight Mass at 12.00. Monday 25th December, (Christmas Day Mass, 11.am)

Our Lady's: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, (7.00pm Carols, followed by Vigil Mass at 7.30pm), Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day Mass 9.00am)

**Christmas Offertory Envelopes:** Kindly pick up an envelope from the porch to make your offerings.

No Mass on the Following Days at OL: Kindly note, there will be no Mass on *Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December* and *Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December* at Our Lady's. However, *there will be Mass on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December* at St. Aidan's, *and Friday in both Churches. Fr. John Payton* will celebrate Masses at St, Aidan's on both days.

**Nativity Scene Practice at St. Aidan's:** The Third and last practice is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm until the mass begins, which is at 5pm. Costumes and scripts provided.

Preparing for the Rite of Election 2024: The Liturgy Commission and Mission Northampton are offering a Zoom session on *Thursday 25 January* [the feast of the Conversion of St Paul] from 7.30-8.45pm for clergy, RCIA group leaders, catechists, liturgists [not catechumens/ candidates] to explore the Rite and prepare for this year's celebration which will be held on *18 February at 3pm* in the Cathedral with Bishop David. To register your place for the session on please contact Mgr Kevin McGinnell at: <a href="mailto:frkevin.mcginnell@northamptondiocese.org">frkevin.mcginnell@northamptondiocese.org</a>

Tap N Go Machine Collection Last week at OL: £147.00

Grand Draw Result: Thank you to everyone who purchased the raffle tickets. The draw took place after 11.am Mass last Sunday, 17th December. We have raised a total of £1,343.00, for our Youth Programme. Congratulations to the winners. 1st Prize £200.00 (Sherlyn D'Souza, Ticket Number 01502), 2nd Prize £100.00 (Sarah Gallagher, Ticket Number 01525), 3rd Prize £75.00 (Michael Madden, Ticket Number 02706), 4th Prize, Christmas Hamper (Johan Joji, Ticket Number 02983), 5th Prize, John Lewis Gift Card (Toby Curtis, Ticket Number 01515). We had a Christmas Wreath donated as a prize on the day and the winner is Isabelle Hughes, Ticket number 02441. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to Deirdre Lay for organising the Christmas Draw.

**Ignatian Pilgrimage:** A small group of local pilgrims, including Fr Giacomo as our Chaplain, plan to follow St Ignatius from *Loyola to Barcelona on 7-13 April 2024* (the second week of the Easter holidays) arranged by JC Journeys. More people needed: please contact <a href="mailto:joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org">joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org</a> if you would like to join.

**Sad Demise:** Please pray for the soul of *Anne Parsons*, who went to her eternal reward on Friday early morning. Funeral details are awaited.

Hope You Enjoy Christmas
With the Ones You Love and
Step Into the New Year
With Lots of Happiness and
Good Health. Wishing You a
Merry Christmas and a
Very Happy New Year!

Offertory Collection Last Week: Our Lady's: £292.0 St. Aidan's: £364.84 Thank You

Standing Order: £361.00 Standing Order: £797.00