

St Aidan's Parish

Sunday 28th February 2021

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FR KEN WRITES

During the season of Lent the Holy Spirit drives us, like Jesus, into the desert. It is not a physical place but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, so that a true conversion might be effected in us.

In the Diocese some churches have opened their doors to numbered seats, others are, understandably shielding, whilst others again are cautious of being in public places and like ourselves have organised streaming of the Mass. We will continue doing the latter for now but are hoping to re-open for Palm Sunday.

MASS DIARY

For now St Aidan's church is 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 28 th February	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	People of the Parish
Monday 1 st March	St David	Josefa Maria Castells Meseguer RIP
Tuesday 2 nd March	Feria	Liesel Berger RIP
Wednesday 3 rd March	Feria	
Thursday 4 th March	Feria	Norah Hawley RIP
Friday 5 th March	Feria	
Saturday 6 th March	Feria	
Sunday 7 th March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 11.00AM – LIVE STREAM	People of the Parish

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent

You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*.

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: www.cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

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, 17th February to the First Sunday of Easter, 11th April. The themes will link with the BBC Radio 4 Daily Service. Joanna Hale 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 offers a weekly Zoom on Tuesdays 10.30am -11.15am from 23rd February to 6th March.

If you'd like to join one of these groups, please go to 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/>

David Whale has organised a Lent Course for the Chenies Benefice and he is happy for anyone to join in on Zoom. The Course will last for 8 weeks and will be on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm starting on the 9th February 2021. The evening will start by watching a video then go into small groups of 5 - 8 for discussion followed by another video session. If you require more information please contact David on 01923 286131.

RESTORE HOPE SPRING APPEAL

Restore Hope are planning a number of Spring initiatives to support some of the most needy families in our local communities, and have just launched their Spring Appeal in order to facilitate this:

This Spring, we are seeking to bless hundreds of local families who are in greater need of support than ever before. Our vision is to deliver:

- 1) A stunning Mother's Day bouquet, hand delivered as a SURPRISE and blessing to 250 local Mums
- 2) 24,000 portions of FoodLife fresh fruit and vegetables
- 3) 3,000 quality toys and craft items to bless local children during school holidays when entertainment options are currently even more limited for those on low incomes
- 4) Big Easter Blessing Boxes to encourage families in this key season of Easter hope

These gifts will not only bring great help, support and fun to families but they enable hundreds of hope filled conversations and we are excited to see what God will do in the lives of so many in our region.

In order to make this happen, we need to raise £20,000. We would be really grateful if you would consider supporting us to help make hope possible. Donations can be made at www.restorehopelatimer.org/donate and can also be gift-aided. To find out more about our plans for the year ahead, and how you could be involved, please watch this short video: vimeo.com/511185849. The password is vision21.

THANK YOU so much!

MONA DURKIN FUNERAL

Mona's family wish to let parishioners know that her funeral will be live streamed from St Benedict's Abbey Church, Ealing, at 11.00am on the 1st March.