

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

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31st December, The Feast of Holy Family, 2023 Year B

Our Lady's, Chesham Bois, 30 Amersham Road, HP6 5PE	St. Aidan, Little Chalfont, Finch Lane, HP7 9NE
Sat 30 th Dec 5.00 pm (Vigil Mass)	Sat 30 th Dec 6.15 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sun 31 st Dec 9.00am Parish Mass 12.00pm Latin Mass	Sun 31 st Dec 9.00am Polish Mass 11.00am Parish Mass
Mon 1 st Jan 9.30am (Mary, Mother of God)	Fri 5 th Jan 9.00am Adoration
Tue 2 nd Jan 9.30am (SS. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen)	9.30am Holy Mass (Feria)
Thu 4 th Jan 9.30am Feria	Sat 6 th Jan 6.15pm (Vigil Mass)
Fri 5 th Jan 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Holy Mass (Feria)	Sun 7 th Jan 11.00am (The Epiphany of the Lord)
Sat 6 th Jan 5.00pm (Vigil Mass)	
Sun 7 th Jan 9.00am (The Epiphany of the Lord)	
Benediction: Fri (6.30pm)	Benediction: Fri (9.00am)
Confessions: Fri (6.30pm – 7.00pm)	Confessions: Friday & Saturday after Mass
Mass Intentions: Sat (Parish), Sun (Gertrude Fernandez RIP), Thu (Margaret Young, Good health).	Mass Intentions: Sat (Jane, Kim, Roberts), Sun (Tom & Moira Bennett RIP), Fri (Richard's Family, Thanksgiving)

Thank You: I have been overwhelmed by the many Christmas Greeting Cards and gifts received. Too many people to name here. Thank you for the generous Christmas offering. I am most grateful for your affection, generosity, and prayerful support. You are specially remembered in my daily Mass.

I am sure, we all have had a wonderful liturgical celebration this year. Sincere appreciation to everyone, who attended the Nativity Mass, or Vigil Mass, Midnight and Christmas Day Mass. All the volunteers worked very hard to make our celebration truly a memorable one. The Choir, The Flower Arrangers, Crib Decorators. Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, AV Operators, Refreshment Groups, Collection Counters, Catechists and Children who performed the Nativity Play, Cleaners, and any others whom I have missed out. The Parish Community greatly appreciate your hard work and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Diocesan Calendars: The diocese has produced a calendar for 2024 featuring various priests of the diocese to promote vocations to the priesthood and help pay for their training. I'm Mr October! **They sell at £5 from the back of the church.** Money can be placed in the box kept at the narthex.

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 25 January please contact Mgr Kevin McGinnell at: frkevin.mcginnell@northamptondiocese.org

Tap N Go Machine Collection Last week at OL: £234.00

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 are needed: please contact joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org if you would like to join.

SVP Appeal Outcome: The SVP wish to thank the communities in St Aidan's and Our Lady's for their tremendous generosity in response to our Christmas appeal. Between the two communities, an incredible **£2450** has been raised. Before Christmas, we distributed in excess of £1700 to families in need, and thanks to your generosity, we will also be able to offer help to these families in January, as their children return to school, with all the expense which that entails. **"We send our sincere gratitude to you all"**

Red Mission Boxes: Thanks to all who handed in their red mission box. New red boxes can be collected from the back of the church.

Sad Demise: Please pray for the soul of **Anne Parson**, who died on Friday 22nd December early morning. Funeral details are awaited.



Offertory Collection Last Week: Our Lady's: £292.00
Standing Order: £361.00

St. Aidan's: £449.70
Standing Order: £797.00

Thank You