

Be a peacemaker
this Christmas



w/c
3rd December

St Aidan's

St Bernadette's

Mon

Tue
10.00am

Celebrants intention

Wed
9.30am

Philip Rafferty

Thursday
10.00am

Celebrants intention

Friday
9.30am

Special Intention (MR)

Saturday

Sunday

10.00am:

11.30 am

Paul Casson

Dcd Duffy & Chilvers Families

Advent Services throughout our Partnership

Sunday 2nd December	4pm	Immaculate Heart
Sunday 9th December	4pm	St Aidan's
Sunday 16th December	4pm	St Bernadette's
Sunday 23rd December	4pm	St Columba's
Wednesday 19th December	7pm	Penitential Service St Marys

First Communion Programme Dates: A reminder to parents that the next session for the children will take place this afternoon at 2.30pm. There will be parents only session on 8th Jan at 6.30pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on 15th January at 6pm and the celebration of First Communion on May 18th at both churches.

**St Aidan's Christmas Fayre
Sunday 9th December
After Mass
Donations of cakes needed
please.**

St Bernadette's are looking for some extra pairs of hands to help with cleaning the church in preparation for Christmas—please make contact with Doreen Harm.

Aladdin: Friday 4th January at the Priory Theatre Tynemouth.

Only 9 tickets remain of the 100 booked, If you would like to join us please sign up—we have started a waiting list. Tickets costing £6.50 must be paid for by the 16th December. Please place your ticket money in an envelope with your name on. Any tickets which remain unpaid for at that time will be returned to the theatre so that they have a chance to sell them. All ages invited!!

Wreath Making Workshop: If you have signed up for the workshop on 6th December at 7pm please bring some greenery and a pair of scissors.

Wine Tasting Evening:

If you have signed up and you would like to put Paul to the test why not bring an empty bottle of your favourite wine.

Ravenswood Singers Advent Concert Why not come along and join us for an evening of pre Christmas entertainment on Saturday 15th December at 7 pm in St Aidan's. Tickets costing £6 include a complimentary glass of wine.



Our Lady and St Aidan & St Bernadette's Parish Communities

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ADVENT BEGINS TODAY: Advent, the season when we prepare for Christmas and remember Christ's first coming to us, and also the season when our remembrance directs our mind and heart to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. It is a time when we should pray for, and take action to help, those who are living in challenging situations around our world. I hope this Advent that you will work with me and the rest of our community to support those initiatives which are put before you. Practical things you can do to help others including our Christian Aid "Be a Peacemaker this Christmas" appeal, our Reverse Advent Calendar and the opportunities for prayer and reflection provided via the additional services across the partnership this Advent. More information follows below. This week with your newsletter you will be given a copy of Advent Extra which provides some useful Advent reading, reflections and activities for the whole family. Perhaps our bakers might like to try making the Christmas ginger biscuits for St Aidan's Fayre on 9th December! (See page 32 of your Advent Extra!) They look really tasty!

ADVENT SERVICES: I hope that you will try and attend at least one of our Advent services, the first of which will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton, this afternoon starting at 4.00 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join in this reflective service of readings and hymns, and to stay behind afterwards for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. **St Aidan's will be hosting the second service on the 9th December at 4pm, the theme of which will be Prayer for Peace in the Middle East.**

BE A PEACEMAKER THIS CHRISTMAS

Throughout the season of Advent we will be focusing upon **PEACE** and what it means in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities and in our world. Peace is broken every day, but it is also built, every day through the tireless work of peacemakers across the world. ***It's a part of our calling to be peacemakers!*** Please put aside a jar at home and use it to collect your loose change throughout Advent - any donations made in this way will be sent to support the Christian Aid appeal.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

I am sure that you are all familiar with the idea of Advent Calendars—like many things associated with Christmas they seem to have become bigger and more expensive (Gin and Prosecco Advent calendars??) as the marketeers find more ways to persuade us we really do need to spend a lot of money to have a good time! This year I would us to think of an Advent Calendar differently—instead of expecting a gift each day throughout December I would like to suggest that we **GIVE** a gift—a food item—which we can collect at home in a our Advent box, and each weekend bring the contents of the box to church to put in the foodbank. Why not involve all of your family in this? Week one of our Advent Calendar please use the guide below for items to gift.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR WEEK 1

2nd Dec	3rd Dec	4th Dec	5th Dec	6th Dec	7th Dec	8th Dec
TIN	TOILETRY	PASTA	BISCUITS	CEREAL	TEA	TREAT