



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME SESSION TODAY AT 2.30pm
A reminder to families of children of our First Communion Programme that there will be a programme session today at 2.30pm at St Aidan's.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCH: why not live simply for one day each week throughout Lent. One way of doing this would be to join us for our soup lunch which will be held each Friday throughout Lent. **The first lunch will be on Friday 8th March 12 noon** at St Aidan's. A donation for your lunch is all we ask which goes to charity.



Lent Resources 2019 - The Diocesan theme for Lent is 'God's Gifts of Love and Mercy' and focuses on how, for thousands of years, people have encountered God who is full of tenderness and compassion, often in the face of human awkwardness and doubt! Go to the diocesan website for more details.

I'm often asked about which is the best version of the bible to purchase. New translations are frequently produced and if you like the one used in our churches each week—the Jerusalem Bible—then wait for an updated translation by an Ampleforth monk, Fr Henry Wansbrough. That same priest highly recommends another translation which is known as the NRSV Catholic Edition and is free of language exclusive of women. The Catholic edition can be purchased at good book shops e.g Waterstones and costs around £17. The ISBN is 978-0-281-07449-5

The choir of St Bernadette's and the singing group of St Aidan's are joining together to lead the singing in church on Good Friday. If you would like to join either group in readiness for our Holy Week celebrations please let us know NOW as rehearsals are underway/planned.



NEW FINANCIAL YEAR STARTING ON APRIL 1ST

It is hard to believe that the last year has gone so quickly and we have already ordered Planned Giving Envelope sets for the new financial year beginning on 1st April. Please think about how you currently financially support our parish communities and if there are ways you could further help in the year ahead.

Bishop Seamus' Retirement Collection.

The Diocese have opened a special fund to mark Bishop Seamus' retirement: *"we know that many parishioners and clergy will want to contribute to a collection to mark the Bishop's retirement and service to the Diocese over many years."*

If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, outside of the collection which will be taken at the end of Mass next Sunday, there are envelopes available at the back of church. The fund will remain open until 17th March

Bishop Robert's Episcopal Installation will be celebrated on Monday 25 March 2019, Feast of the Annunciation at 12noon in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

Bishop's House have advised that for practical reasons there are restrictions related to attendance.

Further information below.

Sunday 24th March - 4.30 pm Solemn Vespers: Everybody in the Diocese is invited to attend.

Monday 25th March - 12 noon Episcopal Installation Mass: Entry by invitation only, you will not be permitted entry without a ticket.

Tuesday 26th March - 2.00 pm Diocesan Schools Event: Diocesan schools will welcome Bishop Robert.

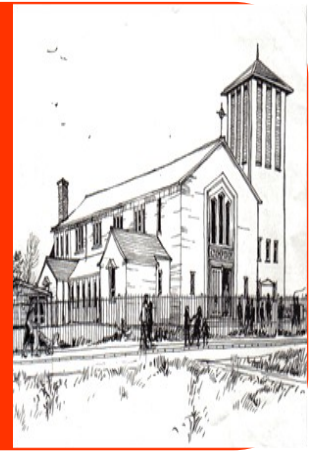
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Our Lady and St Aidan & St Bernadette's Parish Communities

8th Sunday of the Year



w//c 4th March

St Aidan's

St Bernadette's

Mon



Tue
10.00am

Celebrant's Intention

ASH
WEDNESDAY

7.00pm
Patrick O'Sullivan

10.00am
People of our parishes

Thursday
10.00am



Celebrant's Intention

Friday
9.30am

Alan Wynne



Saturday



Sunday

10.00am
Dick and Doreen Devlin

11.30am
Margaret Docherty and
dec'd family members



LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday with two Masses: one at St Bernadette's' at 10am with the children from junior classes of the school present. The evening Mass at St Aidan's will be at 7pm. What we make of this coming season will be down to ourselves for the most part. Lets begin by taking in what the world of nature is saying to us about this season: it is a time for growth, a time to come back to life again!

**SUPPORT FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 25th February—10th March
COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE MORNING
AFTER MASS IN THE PARISH ROOM.**

**MAKE A DONATION AND TRY SOME HOMEBAKED CHOCOLATE
FAIRTRADE GOODIES WITH YOUR TEA/COFFEE/HOT CHOCOLATE!**

This year Fairtrade Fortnight is highlighting the plight of cocoa farmers in Africa particularly women; £1.86 is the amount a cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn each day in order to achieve a living income. Currently a typical cocoa farmer in Cote d'Ivoire lives on around 74p a day. For the women the situation is even worse and they often have fewer rights than men.

Donations will be sent to the Fairtrade Foundation to support work carried out on our behalf across the world.



Please collect your used postage stamps and look to see if you have any foreign coins or notes lying around in your home. St Oswald's Hospice can put both to good use. Please bring in and leave at the back of church.