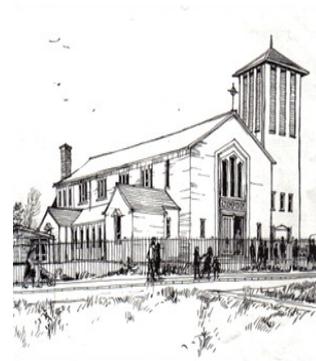




**14th January 2018
2nd Sunday of the Year**

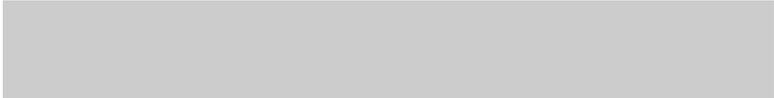


St Aidan's

St Bernadette's

w/c 15h Jan

Mon



**Tue
10.00am**

Mary Moran

**Wed
9.30am**

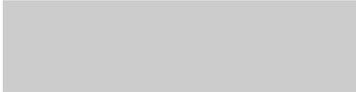
Marina Di Carlo



**Thu
9.30am**

Robert T N Hill

**Fri
10.00am**



**Funeral Mass for Gordon
Watson**

Sunday

**10.00am
James Gardiner**

**11.30 am
James Thompson &
James & Bella Hagan**

St Aidan's Knit and Natter group meet every Friday at 1pm and the Craft and Chatter group meet on a weekday evening. If you are interested in learning new skills by up cycling—this could be the group for you! Both groups welcome new members .



NEW FILM CLUB

Starting at St Aidan's soon. First showing will be Saturday 27th January. More details to follow.

REVIVE THE PASSION FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

Following its very successful launch on 6th January, you are invited to a day on Saturday 27th January 10am-4pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields with Fr Michael Hickey and Michael and Hilda Hedley to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. Tea & coffee will be provided but bring your own lunch. To book a place please phone Fr. Michael on 07912 060 628.

The annual White Flower Appeal to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be taken on the 21st January. If you wish to know more about their work then go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

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At the start of this New Year we are challenged by the all too familiar images of women, children and men who continue to seek refuge and asylum, some within our own country. Pope Francis has made these women and men the focus of his 2018 World Peace Day message. He describes them as 'seekers of peace'. In his message he says, *"the increased numbers of displaced persons is one of the consequences of the "endless and horrifying sequence of wars, conflicts, genocides and ethnic cleansings" that had characterized the twentieth century. To this date, the new century has registered no real breakthrough: armed conflicts and other forms of organized violence continue to trigger the movement of peoples within national borders and beyond."* **Please support Pax Christi in their valuable work.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The octave for Christian Unity is 18th—25th January. The theme this year is "That All May be Free" Praying for the unity of the Church involves a recognition not only of the brokenness of Christian relationships but also how injustice in the world at large rends asunder Christian communities and impedes our participation in God's mission. History too plays a part, casting a shadow over how we live our lives together in community. The Wallsend celebration for this event will take place at St Columba's Church at 3pm on the 21st January

It would be great if those who had signed up for the singing group at St Aidan's could meet on Wednesday evening at 7pm. The plan is to run through the music which we will have at the 10am Mass on the last Sunday of the month and to learn a new hymn in readiness for the season of Lent. I think it's a great idea and one which I think will go down well.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

"Adoremus" - Liverpool 2018 - The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool on **Sept 8th 2018**. All parishioners, especially Eucharistic Ministers, are welcome to attend. Don't let cost put you off. Without committing at this stage, please let Fr John know if you are interested.



An important event in our annual calendar will take place on Tuesday at 6pm in St Aidan's when the children who are going to celebrate their First Holy Communion in May prepare for that event with a celebration of First Reconciliation. This service is open to all of our parishioners who wish to attend and is a joyful celebration which it is meant to be with the focus not on the unloving choices we make in all sorts of settings, but rather on the overwhelming love that God has for each of his people. Fr Chris Hughes will be assisting.