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FAST GIVE PREPARE PRAY

18th February 2018



	St Aidan's	St Bernadette's	Lenten Opportunities Everyone is welcome to attend all events
w/c 19th Feb			
Mon			Visit www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk and listen to the daily reflection
Tue 10.00am		Margaret Thomson	Visit www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk and listen to the daily reflection
Wed 9.30am	Antonio Cicone		Lenten Talk 7pm St Cuthbert's North Shields
Thu 10.00am		Special Intention (DT)	Visit www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk and listen to the daily reflection
Fri 9.30am	John McConnell		FAMILY FAST DAY Soup Lunch St Aidan's
Saturday			Day of Reflection St Aidan's 10-2.00pm
Sunday	10.00am Olive Murphy	11.30 am Gordon Watson	Visit www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk and listen to the daily reflection

If you are free and would like to spend time with others on Family Fast Day there will be a Soup Lunch in St Aidan's parish room at 12 noon. There is no charge for lunch and all donations will go to CAFOD,



CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 23rd February. Please consider what you can do this Family Fast Day to change the lives of those in need in our world. This Lent donations to CAFOD will attract matched funding from the UK government so please give generously.

Thank you for your continued generous support of the Bay Food-bank.



Get your dancing shoes dusted off—we will be holding our St Patricks Day Ceilidh on Thursday 15th March. Tickets will cost £5 and will be on sale from February 18th—our Ceilidh's are always great fun and a great way of getting to know people. Make sure you book a slot in your diary as I am sure the tickets will sell fast. Thanks to Jim McAndrew for organising the event.



If you have signed up to take part during our weekend celebrations please check the ROTAS at the back of church for the next few weeks.



St Aidan's Parish Room
Saturday 3rd March 6.30pm
The Railway Man

With Colin Firth
Based on a true life story of forgiveness and filmed on the NE Coast
Bring a friend and your own refreshments!

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

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Count
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blessings
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Lent provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon our lives, our relationships with others and our relationship with God as we prepare for the great Feast of Easter. It is a time to think about the possibility of doing something positive to nurture our spiritual life and make the world a better place. We can look for ways that can increase our knowledge of our faith, strengthen our spiritual life and perform special acts of mercy and kindness at home, at work, and in our parish community.

The theme of Lent for our communities this year is **Count Your Blessings**. With your newsletter this weekend you have been given a leaflet which provides you with plenty of opportunities to do just that, and to do it in such a way that we walk with and help our brothers and sisters throughout the world who have not got as many blessings to count as we have! There are special leaflets available for our children and I hope you will encourage them to decorate a family 'Count Your Blessings' jar within which they can make their contribution. Throughout this campaign we will be supporting the charity Christian Aid who have provided these resources for us: donations from our Soup Lunches and Family Fast Day will go to CAFOD. You will also receive a copy of Lent Extra which week by week reflects the invitation Jesus gives to us to journey with him throughout this season.

How will you respond to that invitation?

Day of Reflection
Saturday 24th Feb 10—2.00pm
St Aidan's Parish Room

Our plan this Lent has been to provide parishioners with a spiritual DIY kit so that they can take responsibility for their own learning and spiritual development. We are offering a wide variety of opportunities for people to broaden their approach to this sacred season. I'm really looking forward to the session which will be led by Sister Carol. Would you like to join us?

Living the Question
Sunday 18th Feb
Starting at 6.30pm

St Aidan's Parish Room

An opportunity to read about and discuss issues which are important to thinking Christians everywhere. If you are interested in coming along please sign up at the back of church. The first session will focus on the subject of prayer. .

St Cuthbert's North Shields every Wednesday evening at 7pm: Lenten Talks based on the seven sayings of Jesus on the Cross. Everyone is welcome