

Be a peacemaker  
this Christmas



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w/c 17th Dec	St Aidan's	St Bernadette's
Mon		
Tue 10.00am		John Clark
Wed 9.30am	Special Intention (BD)	
Thursday 10.00am		Celebrants Intention
Friday 9.30am	Alan Wynne	
Saturday		
Sunday	10.00am: Bernie Henderson	11.30 Eileen Henry

**Advent Services throughout our Partnership**

Sunday 16th December	4pm	St Bernadette's
Sunday 23rd December	4pm	St Columba's
Wednesday 19th December	7pm	Penitential Service St Marys

**ST BERNADETTE'S TODAY  
DON'T FORGET  
JOIN US FOR  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
AFTER MASS**

The Partnership has decided to group together all of the newsletters in each of the participating parishes making it much easier for us to know what is going on elsewhere. Here is the address if you want access that site: [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS MASS COLLECTIONS**

This year the collections taken at our Christmas Masses will be split between De Paul and Christian Aid. Please give generously to support the work that is done on our behalf to help those who need it in our world.

A BIG thankyou to all of those who supported the Fayre at St Aidan's last weekend! I think it was a success—what did you think?

**Aladdin: Friday 4th January at the Priory Theatre Tyne-mouth.**

100 seats. according to our lists have been booked and we have a waiting list.. To date, we have money for 55 of those tickets. Any booked tickets which remain unpaid by mid week will go to those on the waiting list on a first come first served basis and the remainder, returned to the theatre.

To enable us to update our records relating to the housebound in both parishes, we need your help. If you know of anyone who was attending Mass on a regular basis and is now unable to do so, would you please let me know their names so that contact may be made with them? This notice equally applies to housebound Catholics who were not close to the church in the past but would now like to change that situation. Please give this note your serious attention.



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

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**St Bernadette's Advent Service this Sunday at 4pm.** It was encouraging to see so many people at our service last Sunday at St Aidan's when we prayed for peace in the middle east. Our service this week at St Bernadette's will celebrate the contribution of key figures to our Christmas story: those of Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah with the focus particularly on the person of Mary the mother of Jesus. We can sometimes forget that Mary, a model of faith, was just a young girl aged around 13 year old when God invited her to become the mother of the promised Messiah. We know all too well the story of the Annunciation and the role that the Angel Gabriel played in announcing the birth of both Jesus and John the Baptist. Lets hear anew of the generosity of both parents in accepting the call of God and the invitation to make their example of faith our own. That message is central to the Christmas story.

### Christmas Mass Times St Aidans Christmas Eve

Carols starting at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Come at 7pm and you'll struggle to find a space! Come at 6.00 and all ought to be well

### St Bernadette's Christmas Day

Mass at 10.00am

On Wednesday evening at 7pm, St Mary's Cullercoats will host the partnership Penitential Service. The partnership priests will be present to take part in the celebration, so lets make it an essential part of our preparation for the great feast of Christmas

St Aidan's School Community invite you to join them for their Carol Service in church at 1.30pm on Thursday afternoon. It is always joyous, so come along and let that event mark the start of your Christmas celebrations. Lest anyone think I'm only drawing attention to St Aidan's, the Carol Service at St Bernadette's school is all ticket, so I won't even tell you when it's on!!

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Wow! That's the best way to describe the response to both churches in relation to the call to give full support in this time of preparation for the great feast of Christmas to the work of the Food Bank. I urge you please to do the same in these remaining days of Advent. This what has been said: "Think of the 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, a gift,- something that could be gifted to the food bank to enable them in turn to reach out to the neediest. As you go shopping consider adding to your basket the items listed below and bring those goods to church with you and place them in the provided bin!. It would be great if we could get into the habit of remembering the needy when we shop. For week three of our Advent Calendar, please use the guide below for items to gift.

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR WEEK 3

16th Dec	17th Dec	18th Dec	19th Dec	20th Dec	21st Dec	22nd Dec
Baby Food	Long life juice	Soap/ shower gel	Toilet rolls	Rice	Tinned fish	Treat