

Be a peacemaker
this Christmas



peace

w/c 24th Dec	St Aidan's	St Bernadette's
Mon Christmas Eve	ST AIDAN'S CAROLS AT 6.30PM FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS: Deceased McElhone Family	
Tue Christmas Day	ST BERNADETTE'S 10.00AM People of our Parish Community	
Wed 10.00am	Special Intention (RK)	
Thursday 10.00am		Hearns Family
Friday 9.30 am	Maureen Sandberg	
Saturday		
Sunday	10.00am: Decd Gribben Family	11.30 Martha & Maurice Ahern

Advent Services throughout our Partnership

Sunday 23rd December	4pm	St Columba's
Sunday 30th December	4pm	St Cuthbert's Celebration of the Family



First Communion Programme Dates: There will be a **parents only session** on 8th Jan at 6.30pm, and it is essential that all parents attend this session. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on 15th January at 6pm and the celebration of First Communion on May 18th at both churches.

Christmas is almost upon us, and I am sure that you will be gifted with items which mean that you need a clear out before the new year. Before you send items to landfill think about whether someone else may have a use or need of them. Items can be recycled via charity shops or use the freecycle board at the back of St Aidan's church.



Let one of our New Year resolutions be to care for creation by being more careful of our use of the earth's resources

SHOEBOX APPEAL: Thanks to all who supported the Shoebox Appeal. This year 27 shoeboxes were donated and an additional £215 towards transportation costs. 80 boxes were sent from St Bernadette's school. This year the boxes were sent to the Ukraine. Thanks for your support.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies

Health and Safety Officer - Based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date: 11 January.

Administrator, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley - 16 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 15 January.

Administrator, Dept. for Safeguarding – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 16 January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website

www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301,

email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk



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

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Throughout the Season of Advent our focus has been upon PEACE and Being a Peacemaker. I hope that you will continue to reflect on this message and our calling to work for peace in our hearts, in our homes in our communities and in our world. In January we celebrate Peace Sunday and we might want to reflect this Christmas time on the words of the Holy Father: *"...today more than ever our societies need "artisans of peace" who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family."*

ADVENT SERVICE TODAY 4PM ST COLUMBA'S The last of the partnership Advent services will take place at 4pm this afternoon at St Columba's church. The attendance at the services throughout Advent has been encouraging. I hope that if at all possible you will attend this afternoon. We're also looking forward to a celebration of the family at St Cuthbert's North Shields on the first Sunday after Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS EVE

Carols starting at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm. We're so looking forward to seeing all who intend to worship with us this Christmas.

ST BERNADETTE'S CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass at 10.00am

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.

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

Seats have now been allocated for the Pantomime—please pick up after Mass this weekend. If you haven't yet paid—please pay when you pick up your seat allocation.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

I have been delighted by your response to the Reverse Advent Calendar. The Food Bank are so grateful for the extra donations that have been delivered throughout Advent. These donations will help individuals and families in need during the festive season. Once Christmas is over why not consider donating at least one item on a weekly basis so we can continue in the good work! My thanks to Maurice Ahern who liaises with the Food Bank and has been a very busy delivery driver over the last four weeks!



CHRISTMAS DOUBLE BILL FILM NIGHT

ST AIDAN'S PARISH ROOM

SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER

5PM YOUNG PEOPLE'S FILM

7PM FILM IS A CHRISTMAS THEMED PG!