

**LET 2019 BE THE YEAR
YOU DECIDE TO BE-
COME MORE INVOLVED
IN THE LIFE OF OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY.**

EVERYONE
COUNTS



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

**THERE IS A PLACE FOR
EVERYONE IN OUR COM-
MUNITIES**

Parish Census 2019

PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT EVERY HOUSEHOLD

This week we will begin our new Parish Census at St Aidan's church, followed next week by St Bernadette's.

As you enter church you will be given a census form.

It is important for the future planning of the parish that every household fills in a form. *PLEASE READ THE FORM CAREFULLY AND PROVIDE* as much information as possible to ensure that we can make decisions based upon accurate data.

SHARE YOUR SKILLS

At the same time we are providing everyone with the opportunity to tell us how they would like to be involved in parish life. Please think carefully about what you would like to do. Be sure we need everyone in the life of our parish family! If you wonder what you could do—come and talk to us!

TELL US ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

If you know of someone who is sick and/or housebound, who can't attend church on a regular basis please take them a Census form to fill in. Help them fill it in and bring it back.

We need to find ways to support and keep in contact with those unable to attend church on a regular basis, so if you know of someone why not take them a newsletter every week? Or if you visit care homes within our parish take a newsletter for their notice board.



Thank you about your continued generous support of the Food Bank. It has been a delight to see Maruice Ahern's car laden down with donations. Thank you Maurice! Perhaps over the next few weeks we could concentrate on collecting toiletries and cleaning items. Please remember to pop in some items for men and young women!

Please keep the children of our First Communion Programme and their families in your prayers. This coming week they will celebrate The Sacrament of Reconciliation. The celebration of First Communion will take place on May 18th at both churches.



The next double bill film night will be at St Aidan's on Saturday January 26th starting with a children's film at 5pm. Second film will be at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

The first lunch of the New Year will be on January 25th 12 noon St Aidan's Parish Room. Put the date in your diary and join us for a home cooked lunch. There is no cost for the lunch and donations made are sent to local charities.



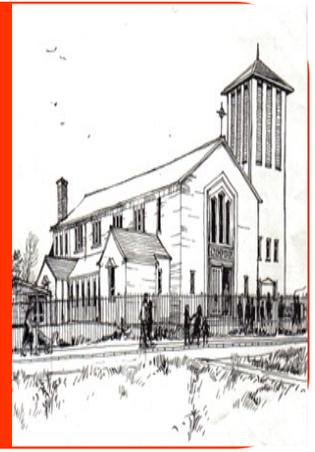
DO YOU HAVE COMPUTER HARDWARE SKILLS—HELP NEEDED WITH THE LAPTOP AT ST AIDANS? IF YOU HAVE MOVED TO A LARGE SCREEN IPHONE OR IPAD YOU MAY HAVE A LAPTOP GATHERING DUST THAT WE COULD PUT TO GOOD USE? PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP

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Our Lady and St Aidan & St Bernadette's Parish Communities FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



w/c 14th January

St Aidan's

St Bernadette's

Mon

Tue
10.00am

Wed
9.30am

Thursday
10.00am

Friday
9.30 am

Saturday

Sunday

		Vera McLoughlin
	Douglas Thompson	
		John Clark
	Robert TN Hill	
	10.00am Jim Gardiner	11.30am David & Michael Charlton

Next Sunday we celebrate Peace Sunday.
In his 2019 World Peace Day Message, which has the theme "**Good Politics serves peace**", Pope Francis invites us to begin our New Year with a concern for the future of life and the planet, of the youngest and weakest. The Beatitudes opposite were proposed by a Vietnamese Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan. It would seem an apt time to reflect on these and how they could apply to those in public life, but remember we are all politicians in our own sphere of life!
Next weekend I know I can count on you to be generous in your support of Pax Christi, an organisation which works tirelessly worldwide for peace, respect of human rights, justice and reconciliation.



Beatitudes of the Politician

- Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.
- Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility
- Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest
- Blessed be the politician who remains consistent
- Blessed be the politician who works for unity
- Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change
- Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening
- Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Post Christmas Celebration and Evaluation. If you were involved in any way in the work that went on in either of our two churches throughout Advent and Christmas you are invited for a glass of wine and get together on **Friday 18th January** in St Aidan's parish room. We can share some time together in a social setting and talk about how things went and how we can make them even better! Please sign up on the list at the back of church so we can plan the catering!